### Japan's Move On Economy Fails to Win U.S. Applause

'Short-Term Stimulus' Disappoints Bentsen; Heated Summit Likely

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — The Clinton administration gave a downbeat reception on Friday to the Japanese government's economic-stimulus package, saying it was too short in duration to produce the sort of increase in Japanese purchases of American goods to shrink Japan's huge trade surrlus with the United States.

The tepid American response to the Japanese tax cuts that are the heart of the package, coupled with the near total absence of progress to date in the negotiations between Japan and the Clinton administration to open certain Japanese markets, is making it increasingly likely that the meeting on Friday in Washington between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa is going to be highly confrontational.

American officials were still hoping for a last-minute concession by Japan, but there are no signs of that so far as Mr. Hosokawa's government is increasingly engulfed in political

It was partly in an effort to have something to bring to Washington to placate the Americans that Mr. Hosokawa put together a \$140 billion package of temporary tax cuts and public-works programs, designed to lift Japan out of its two-year recession and help shrink its trade surplus by stimulating Japanese consum-

To get the package through his parliament, Mr. Hosokawa had to placate opponents of the tax cuts by agreeing that the 20-percent income tax reductions at the heart of his program. would be only for one year.

"I am concerned that it is only for one year." Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said in an interview. Because the period is so short, he added, it leaves the prospect for a long-term imulus "indefinite."

Mr. Bentsen said the American experience had been that "when people see a short-team stimulus they usually save rather than spend." and there is therefore no long-term change in buying habits or a real, sustainable surge in imports. Both are critical if Japan's 550 billion trade surplus with the United Scales and the

lapanese a signal that if this is all that Mr. Hosokawa is able to bring to Washington for his meeting with Mr. Clinton, their talks could be in trouble.

American officials have said for weeks that they will not disguise their differences with Tokyo for the sake of a sunny meeting.

Mr. Hosokawa is going to Washington to review the last six months of negotiations between the Chinton administration and Japan.

The Japanese summlus package was half of what the United States was looking for from Tokyo in those framework talks. The other halfconsisted of concrete Japanese agreements to open their markets in the areas of automobiles and auto parts and government procurement of medical equipment, telecommunications and

Progress in these market-access talks has been virtually nonexistent, or as Mr. Bentsen put it: "I don't see a breakthrough happering

He said that where the Japanese government could really decide to make a breakthrough quickly, if it wanted, was in the areas of government procurement, but that so far there had been little movement.

The Treasury secretary said he was still hopeful that before Friday Japanese and American

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Bosnians evacuated after the Sarajevo mortar attack resting Tuesday in makeshift quarters at a U.S. Army hospital in Germany.

### German Joblessness Tops 4 Million

By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT - Unemployment in Germany rose to a postwar record of more than 4 million people in January, the government reported Tuesday, as the country's largest union offered to accept temporary pay cuts in order to

January's official jobless figure, which understates actual unemployment in Europe's biggest economy, was little surprise in itself. Records oyment have been set in each of the est several months, and more are most likely to

But coming amid a simmering labor conflict and a month before the first in a marathon series of state and local elections this year, the news was received by the government like an

uninvited guest.

Western German unemployment was 9.9 percent in January, and the Eastern German tally was 17.8 percent. Neither figure includes the thousands of people in mandatory worktraining programs or government job creation

"This unemployment figure is of a dimension which is not acceptable," Economics Minister Gunter Rexrodt said. "We must be aware that our economic order but the very foundations of our society

A senior economics adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Friedhelm Ost, said the January jobless statistics were a signal to unions and employers alike to place a priority on job secu-

IG Metall, which represents 3.6 million workers in Germany's key automotive, electromes and metalworking sectors, said Tuesday that it was willing to accept lower pay along with a shorter working week in order to save jobs and prevent a walkout that could stunt the country's feeble economic recovery.

But employers dismissed the union's overture as an effort to divert attention from a call for

Jobless Germans lining up to apply for federal benefits in Berlin. Unemployment, at more than 4 million, is at a post-World War II high.

overall labor flexibility, which would include working longer hours.

In a speech Tuesday, Mr. Kohl said German joblessness was made worse by high wages and a lack of inventiveness, among other factors. Germany has also "fallen behind important competitors in research and high technology," he said, and could create more jobs if more attention were given to these fields.

Although government officials and some conomists said the data suggested the rise in oblessness was beginning to plateau, the report contained no sign that new jobs were being created rapidly enough to offset new unemployment

Hung Tran, managing director of Deutsche Bank Research in Frankfurt, predicted overall German unemployment would peak at around 10 percent, but not until sometime late next

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# NATO Appears Set To Issue Deadline On Sarajevo Siege

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

BRUSSELS - NATO, building on an unusually strong partnership between the United States and France in recent days, appeared to be set Tuesday to establish a deadline for the lifting of the siege of Sarajevo, after which military force would be used.

"A consensus is emerging that the time has run out on inaction," a senior NATO diplomat said. "The West and its institutions have a responsibility now to demonstrate that enough is enough."

It appeared that the balance within the 16ber North Atlantic Treaty Organization had tilted, probably decisively, toward using air power as a result of the mortar attack Saturday on the Sarajevo market, which killed 68 people.
[A senior White House official confirmed Tuesday that Washington had agreed to threaten NATO air strikes to lift the siege, Reuters

The official said that strategy now included

Serbs' mobile weapons would be hard for NATO planes to take out. Page 6.

upgrading American involvement in negotia-tions aimed at ending the war, precisely defining a threat of NATO air strikes against Bosnian Serb gun positions around Sarajevo to deter attacks on civilians, and providing United Na-tions commanders with the authority to call in air strikes quickly should Serb attacks on civil-

ians occur.] The diplomat in Brussels, a central figure in the alliance's planning for the Bosnian war. suggested that an agreement was all but in place for NATO, meeting Wednesday at ambassado-rial level, to deliver an ultimatum for the lifting of the 22-month siege of the Bosnian capital by the Serbs.

"The objective is to stop and prevent the shelling of Sarajevo," he said. "We will set requirements on where artillery is permitted to be and make clear what our response would be if these requirements about the positioning and use or artillery are not quickly met. Will and capacity are, I believe, combining to take deci-

Asked how much time the Serbs would be given to pull back their artillery from the hills around Sarajevo, the diplomat said the deadline would be "timely." Foreign Minister Alain Juppé of France said this week that any NATO ultimatum should allow a few days at most.

Conversations at alliance headquarters Tues-day suggested that Canada, Greece and, to a lesser extent, Spain and Britain, continued to have some reservations about NATO committing itself on a firm course leading to the use of force in Bosnia. These reservations center both on strategic considerations and concern over the welfare of UN peacekeeping soldiers.

Asked about these issues, the diplomat said: "There has been a thinking through on a very deliberate basis of all the alternatives. What you see now is the result of months of wrestling with some of the deepest problems ever to face the alliance. But I believe we are now ready to

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### For Clinton, **Decision Time** Is at Hand

By R. W. Apple Jr.

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — For many months now, President Bill Chinton has temporized on the war in Bosnia, finding one reason or another to avoid American in-

Now, in the wake of the slaughter in Sarajevo's central marketplace last week-end, there are signs that the frightful television images of the carnage may have broken, or at least dented, the shell of American public indifference. At the least, they have given the president as good an opportunity to act firmly in Bosnia as he is

likely to get.

[An ABC News survey, made public Tuesday and quoted by Reuters, found that 57 percent of Americans favored air strikes against Serbian positions outside

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Sarajevo, while 37 percent were opposed. Only 17 percent said the United States should act alone, while 79 percent opposed unilateral intervention, ABC said.]

Two months ago, only 26 percent of the respondents in a CBS News poll said they thought the United States had a responsibility to act, as opposed to 65 percent who said that it did not.

There was little public outery two weeks ago when the president scarcely mentioned the strife in Bosnia-Herzegovina in his first State of the Union speech.

But in recent days, the anecdotal evidence—chat on radio talk shows, calls to congressional offices - suggests a shift. Some people, at least, are starting to worry as much about the United States' seeming callous and selfish as about the potential for a new geopolitical quagmire.

Or so it looks from Washington. Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican who leads hawk; grievously wounded in World War II. he hesitates before advocating American military intervention. He can also read the sentiment on Capitol Hill as well as anybody who serves there.

So when he urged the president on Sunday to order air strikes and said such a decision would have "strong bipartisan support in Congress," it was taken here as a signal that doing nothing might not be the safest course any longer.

The questions are these: Does Mr. Clinton wish to seize the moment? Does he See CLINTON, Page 6

### Sudan Army Sweeps South In Drive to Crush Rebels

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service
NAIROBI — The Islamic fundamentalist military government in Sudan has begun an offensive against rebels in the largely Christian and animist South in what diplomats and relief workers here said might be an all-out effort to wipe out the costly, decades-old rebellion.

Fighting across the South is said to be the most intense in years. Sudanese troops, backed by warplanes and tribal militias, have reportedly advanced from the garrison towns of Juba and Wau to attack the guerrilla fighters of the Sudan People's Liberation Army along the Kit

The fighting has sent tens of thousands of refugees fleeing toward the Ugandan border. About 47,000 refugees have deserted their camp at Ame, which was attacked over the weekend, aid officials said. The International Committee of the Red Cross has been asked to evacuate about 50 patients from the nearby Aswa camp. "It sounds like there's a large number of

wounded," said Sally Burnheim of Operation Lifeline Sudan, the United Nations umbrella group that coordinates relief to the area.

The government of General Omar Hassan Ahmad Bashir appears to be trying to capture the town of Nimule on the Ugandan border, and thus to cut the rebels' military and supply lines to Uganda. In that region, the rebel movement has had virtually unlimited freedom of movement across the border, which has enabled it in effect to govern a zone of southernmost Sudan. The border routes are also essential to the international relief effort to feed millions of Sudanese.

If the rebels lose those supply routes to Uganda, "they will have to go back to being an old-fashioned guerrilla movement," said David Evans, the program officer for Norwegian People's Aid, which operates in the area. "The SPLA will defend those areas with everything they have, because they have nowhere else to

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### Ulster's Deadly Codes of Violence Make Peace Elusive

By Steve Coll

BELFAST - It was a routine statement about a routine shooting the sort of terrorist press release that passes with numbing regularity across news agency fax machines here providing updated box scores for a grinding war enlivened

This time it was the Protestant-dominated Ulster Volunteer Force taking responsibility for the shooting last week of a Roman Catholic bus driver who ran prison visitation shutles for the relatives of jailed Irish Republican Army members. The

driver was slightly wounded, but a passing woman motorist took a bullet in the abdomen. She suffered three heart attacks

on a hospital operating table and barely survived.

The Ulster Volunteer Force did not apologize, but its statement sought to clarify: Just because they shot the bus driver. who they said was aiding the IRA, did not mean they were aiming at any IRA relatives normally in his minivan.

Apparently fearing retaliation against their own wives and children, the Ulster Volunteer Force affirmed an unwavering commitment not to murder relatives of its mostly Catholic In the madness of Northern Ireland's civil war, two sets of

and treaty favored by politicians who seek these days to exploit what many describe as the best chance for peace in Northern Ireland in 20 years. Against them stand informal, labyrinthine codes of street violence, a twisted logic constructed over long. "That's the fury of the whole situation," said Jeff Maxwell

rules increasingly compete. On one side are formal rules of law

leader of the Belfast human-rights group Families Against Intimidation and Terror. Violence and counterviolence has produced over the years "a well-orchestrated pact between

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### A Deadline Is Pushed Back in Skater Attack

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) - The deadline for a grand jury report on the investigation in the attack on the American figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was moved back on Tuesday to March 21, and a prosecutor said any indictments were unlikely before then.

The deputy Mulmomah County district attorney, Jean Manrer, said the delay was needed to improve the chances that Miss Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, would

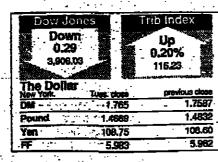
. continue to cooperate with the investigation. Miss Harding has denied any involvement in the plot to attack Miss Kerrigan, who was struck above the knee by an assailant Ian. 6 after a workout before the U.S. Figure Skating Champiouships in Detroit. Miss Harding's former husband, has pleaded guilty

for his involvement in the plot. Earlier article, Page 17.

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### In India, Endangered Crane Is Running Out of Time

By Molly Moore

Washington Post Service
BHARATPUR, India — The scientists were ready, armed with electronic transmitters and six baby cranes who had been reared on crane chow and fed by human parents dressed in bird

The young cranes were supposed to migrate to Siberia with their wild counterparts. But for the first time in memory, the snowy white Siberian cranes did not appear at their Indian wintering grounds, alarming preservationists and dashing hopes for one of the international scientific community's most unusual and ambitious efforts to save an endangered species.

With the number of Siberian cranes that winter in India dwindling from 200 in 1965 to a mere five last year, crane experts converged on the Keoladeo Ghana National Park here last month, planning to take six crane chicks bred in captivity and release them with their migrating

Scientists hoped the adults would teach the

youngsters the centuries-old migration route

fly their migration paths.
"We're running out of time," said Katie Richter, an Ohio native among the group of preservationists working on the crane project, partially sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wild-life Service and the Wisconsin-based International Crane Foundation. "It already may be

The young birds' electronic transmitters would be monitored by satellite. Unlike many other

birds, cranes are not born with the instinct to

too late to save them." The Siberian crane -a tall, stately bird with white plumage and a bright red face and beak - has become a symbol for international efforts to preserve endangered birds and their

The Sibes, as the big birds are known among enthusiasts, have been particularly hard hit by rapid development, deforestation, uncontrolled hunting and the lack of wildlife preservation efforts in many of the developing nations they visit on their treacherous twice-yearly migra-

A few years ago, several Siberian crane carcasses were rumored to have been discovered in over the Himalayas between India and Siberia. the meat bazzar in Kabul, the capital of Af-



ghanistan. In Pakistan, migrating flocks of Siberian cranes and other large birds have reportedly been downed by hunters hurling rocks tied

Ornithologists say they think the Siberian cranes that migrate west to India and Iran are near extinction. None of the cranes have so far reached India this year, and only one small flock of six Sibes has been spotted in Iran. Another branch of the Siberian crane family, the shrinking eastern flock of about 2,500, winters in China. No other flocks are known to exist in the wild.

For two years, scientists from the United States, Russia, India and Japan have collaborated in an elaborate scheme to try to replenish

the dying western flock. First, eggs were taken from the nests of Siberian cranes raised at the International Crane Foundation's preserve in Wisconsin and flown in insulated plastic boxes warmed with hot water bottles to Moscow, where they were hatched in incubators. Scientists blasted cool

air on the eggs each time they were turned to See CRANE, Page 6

### Seoul Vows to Keep The Dialogue Open

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service

TOKYO - Measuring the rhetoric from North Korea as increasingly ominous, South Korea's president, Kim Young Sam, convened the country's national security council Tuesday and then issued conciliatory messages, saying that "dialogue will be maintained as long as possible" over the inspec-tion of the North's nuclear sites.

Mr. Kim's meeting came just be-fore South Korea's foreign minis-ter, Han Sung Joo, hurriedly headed to Washington in an effort to come up with a new strategy to persuade the North to relent on pections before the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors meets in Vienna in two weeks, on Feb. 21. Unless North Korea has permitted a thorough inspection by that time, the agency is expected to refer the issue to the United Nations Security Council for the imposition of sanc-

Mr. Han, in a telephone interview Tuesday, said he had advanced the previously scheduled trip to Washington by a week because "there needs to be a calming down on both sides."

The meeting and Mr. Han's trip underscored a growing anxiety in South Korea that sanctions against the North are almost inevitable.

Now, the cautions are growing louder than ever. South Korean and Japanese officials say they are and Japanese or last say they are particularly concerned that several announcements from Washington in recent weeks, including the imminent deployment of Patriot antimissile units to South Korea, have created an atmosphere in which the North Korean leaders feel they cannot back down and allow inspectors into the nuclear sites in Yongbyon, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Pyongyang, without

"We can always go the Security Council route," one South Korean official said recently, "but it will be difficult to turn back from it once

we start. So we have to explore every avenue first."

China has also expressed displeasure with the Clinton administration's recent handling of the impasse, according to officials in Japan and Korea. The United States, meanwhile, is

moving fairly rapidly to insure that it is prepared, in case the North Korean government of Kim Il Sung tries to carry through on its vague threats of military action in response to economic sanctions.

the Central Intelligence Agency was recently dispatched to Seoul to beef up the agency's station there and to step up monitoring of North Korean troop movements.

At the same time, American offi-

cials are declaring that unless the North has agreed to inspections by the time of the atomic energy agency meeting, they will move ahead with plans for a small-scale version of "Team Spirit," the annual joint military exercise between the United States and South Korea.

The exercise, which the North has frequently denounced as a "nuclear war preparation" and a "grave provocation," would involve only about 40,000 troops, making it a third of the size of the exercise held last year, according to officials familiar with the plan.

North Korea asserted Tuesday that the United States was also strengthening its forces in Japan in preparation for a possible confron-

"The United States employs smiling diplomacy at the negotiat-ing table," the North said in a dis-patch, "as if it were interested in peace, and tries hard to isolate and stifle its dialogue partner behind the scene. This is really the height of duplicity and impudence."



A customer checking an imported brand Tuesday at a Moscow street stand after domestic vodka prices headed skyward.

### Russian Vodka Industry Staggered by New Tax

MOSCOW — Squeezed by high taxes and cheap imports, Russia's biggest vodka distillery has shut down for two weeks and sent 900 workers on unpaid vacation, adding to the country's recession and choking one of its

main sources of revenue.

Officials at the Kristall distillery here said they hoped the temporary closure on Mon-day would persuade the government to cancel a liquor tax increase. They said the new tax was counterproductive, pricing Russian vod-ka out of its native market. One of Kristall's the tax.

popular brands, Stolichnaya, sells for 3,500 rubles (\$2,20) for a half-liter bottle, up from 2,800 rubles before Jan. 1. But in Moscow, which consumes 1 million bottles of vodka daily, Stolichnaya is hard to

The liquor sections of kiosks are dominated by Finnish, German, Czech, Polish, Ukrainian and Belarussian vodka, which have become cheaper than local brands despite Russian import duties of 150 percent. Some of the imported vodika is smuggled in to avoid

Reportedly invented by Russian monks in the 15th century, vodka is Russia's leading source of drunkenness and a symbol of its chronic inefficiency and despair. With its production under state control since czarist imes, vodka is also the source of about 10

percent of government income.
Until Dec. 27, the state took 85 percent of the vodka industry's profits in taxes, leaving the rest to distillers to maintain old equipment. On that day the tax rose to 90 percent dropping the distillers cut by a third and creating an industrywide crisis.

### Grand Farewell in Grandest Basilica for Ivory Coast's Father'

By Kenneth B. Noble

New York Times Service
YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast Two months after his death, President Félix Houphouët-Boigny of the Ivory Coast, one of the last of a generation of African leaders to guide his people from colonialism, finally received a somber state funeral in the world's largest church, which he had built in his ancestral village.

The 7,000 guests inside the basilica of Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro, and the tens of thousands of mourners who endured withering equatorial heat in the huge esplanade outside, witnessed on Monday what it seems safe to say was the most lavish ceremony ever held to pay homage to an African leader.

All the panoply of Western religious toms were on display here, Mr. Hou-phouet-Boigny's birthplace; the stirring Baule chiefs are traditionally buried with music of Handel and Gounod; the undu-tools, mementos — and it is widely rulating music and dance of ancient African mored, even friends and relatives - they rituals; a huge chorus dressed in bright treasured in life. batik dress singing, "laagah budji gnia," the
Banle-language words for "Lord, it is you
who has made all things"; a military honor-guard dressed in bright red coats and
death, he was Africa's longest-serving leadbrandishing glittering swords; and hun- er and the third-longest-serving in the

It was a day carefully designed as a tribute to the late president and as a showcase for a country rooted spiritually somewhere between the brutal competitiveness of Western commerce and the brilliantly complex and often mystical culture of an-cient Africa. Indeed, Ivory Coast has long regarded itself as an oasis of relative affluence and tranquility amid the excesses of war, famine, religious and ethnic hatreds, and other seemingly intractable problems that have marred much of post-independence Africa.

Mr. Houphouet-Boigny died Dec. 7, at the official age of 88, but he was widely believed to be much older. The two-month delay before his burial, which is not uncommon among his ethnic group, the

dreds of village elders, resplendent in huge world after Fidel Castro of Cuba and Kim

and international organizations, many Ivorians were privately bewildered and angened because several countries that were d'Estaing, six former prime ministers, and considered close allies failed to send what more than 70 other dignitaries. Mr. Houthey considered sufficiently high-ranking

Ivorians were especially disappointed with the United States, whose 15-man delegation seemed to many a telling illustration de Gaulle. of the Clinton administration's inatten-tion, if not outright indifference, toward Africa. The U.S. delegation was led by Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary and George Moose, the assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

U.S. officials acknowledged that Mrs. O'Leary, who holds cabinet rank, has little, African issues. The best that a press release distributed to reporters could muster about Mrs. O'Leary, who is black, is that "like President Houphouet-Boigny, both

Earlier, Daniele Boni Clavarie, the minister of communications, said that she was

Il Sung of North Korea, Still, although Mr.
Houphouët-Boigny's funeral attracted representatives of more than 140 countries

By contrast, France, the Ivory Coast's yards overnight to be sure of good vantage colonial ruler, sent a formidable delegation, including President François Mittermood, some singing or praying quietly to By contrast, France, the Ivory Coast's yards overnight to be sure of good vantage rand and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, former President Valéry Giscard

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> Only the end of a political era here, but
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> The policemen and troops deployed in that just a month after the death of their that just a month after the death of their that just a month after the death of their Though Mr. Houphoust-Boigny often described himself as a devont Catholic, he 50 percent devaluation of the CFA franc. was tolerant of traditional African relities franch-backed currency that is used in gious beliefs, known as animism, which ing sign of things to come.

Still, for the vast throngs outside the tice some forms of animism. siter of communications, said that she was disappointed with the size and composition of the U.S. delegation. "If we had been sent a vice president we would have been their lives. Tens of thousands had slept in happier," she said.

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Mr. Houphouët-Boginy's decision to build the basilica, especially with the countries their lives. Tens of thousands had slept in try in deep recession, was at the time wide-nearby bus stops, soccer fields, and school-ly derided as a scandalous extravagance.

mood, some singing or praying quietly to themselves, others waving small flags or handkerchiefs with the late president's por-

trait.
There was also a faintly carnival mood phouet-Boigny himself had nurtured close about the occasion. Hawkers sold hastily personal nes with several generations of printed black-bordered photographs and French leaders, culminating with several posters of the president. Beggars sat on ministerial posts under President Charles sidewalks. Coffee trucks pulled up, and crowds gathered to pass around a single

perhaps also the end of the peculiar an enormous security operation were in a French-African relationship that he came somber and forgiving mood, and no serious to symbolize. Many Ivorians were stunned incidents of any kind were reported.

14 Francophone countries, and Equatorial range from a faith in spirits to forms of Guinea. Mr. Houphouët-Boigny had vigor-ously opposed any realignment of the CFA franc, and devaluation has been widely percent of the oppulation, while 40 percent seen as a betrayal by France and a worry-ing sign of things to come.

are Muslim, 5 percent Protestant, and the rest animist. But most Catholics here prac-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### French Fishermen's Chiefs Urge End To Strike After Import Tightening

PARIS (Reuters) - Leaders of French fishermen called for an end to a 10-day strike on Tuesday after the government rightened border controls on fish imports despite a diplomatic clash with Norway.

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Leaders of the Brittany Survival Committee, which organized violent protests against cheap imports last week, said they were satisfied with their talks with Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Jean Puech. "We will ask fishermen to return to work," the committee's leader said. In the latest protest, fishermen occupied two expressway tollgates in

western France, emptying two tracks carrying imports from Norway and Denmark and handing the fish to motonists, the police said.

Anxious to end the strike, the Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry announced tougher sanitary and customs controls. A ministry spokeswoman said new restrictions would be imposed at ports, including Le Havre, Marseille, Nice and Boulogne-sur-Mer, and at Orly airport near Paris. Norway protested that the French measures amounted to a ban on fish from outside the European Union.

#### 'Some Progress' in Mideast Talks

CAIRO (Reuters) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said Tuesday that they were making slow progress and that it was too early to say if agreement was imminent on details of Palestinian self-rule and Israeli

agreement was imminent on details of Palestinian self-rule and Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"I would say this morning showed some progress," said a Palestinian negotiator, Nabil Shaath. "One is hesitant to draw conclusions because these things take time." Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of Israel said, "The beginnings are always very promising but sometimes there are difficulties translating the good atmosphere into practical results. It's too

#### Charges Dropped in U.S. Scandal

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) — A military judge dismissed charges on Tuesday against three U.S. Navy aviators in the Tailhook scandal, rejecting the testimony of the navy's senior admiral and accusing him of

rejecting the testimony of the navy's senior admiral and accusing him of trying to manipulate the investigation.

The decision by Captain William T. Vest Jr. means the navy will have to start from the beginning if it intends to pursue cases stemning from the 1991 Tailhook aviators' convention against Commander Thomas R. Miller, Commander Gregory Tritt and Lieutenant David Samples.

Captain Vest ruled that the chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Frank B. Kelso 2d, used "unlawful command influence" to "manipulate the invited intention of the superconstant of the superconst initial investigative process and the subsequent process in a manner designed to shield his personal involvement in Tailhook 91."

#### Egypt Militants Issue 'Final Warning'

CAIRO (Combined Dispatches) — Islamic militants, in a "final warning," have again called on all foreigners to leave Egypt immediately. "This is our final warning," said the militant Islamic Group, "and those who read it should take it seriously. Those who do not will suffer the

The warnings to foreigners were faxed to international news agencies in Cairo. They are the closest the Islamic militants have come to saying they will kill foreigners. There have been five warnings since last March calling for foreigners to leave the country. And although most embassies advise their nationals to be cautious, none have suggested that they leave Egypt.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

# Aeroflot Flight Too Eventful, Two Say LONDON (Reuters) — The British government said Thesday that it had asked Russies and suthorities to look into complaints by two British passengers of lax safety procedures on an Aeroflot flight from

The Britons, Andrew Cairns and Francesca Baldi, said passengers were

allowed to smoke during takeoff, there was no pre-flight safety briefing, no seathelt check, the "fasten seathelt" and "no smoking" signs were never switched on and the cabin carpet was ripped and seats broken.

Aeroflot Flight SU 242 on Jan. 14 was also forced to make an emergency landing in Berlin after a cockpit window blew out, they said, sending the jet into a brief nose dive. They said that after spending the night at a Berlin hotel, they decided not to continue their flight.

A top-level purge in Nigeria's customs service has been started by the military-government. Businessmen say the service is riddled with comption. The comptroller-general and all his deputies and assistants have been ordered out of their offices on indefinite leave. (Reuters) as traveling to Mexico on package bus tours may no

longer face two-hour delays at the border. The Mexican Tourism Secretariat has streamlined the entry process for chartered buses. It said the waiting period under normal conditions should be about 15 minutes. The U.S. National Park Service is charging \$10 for its Golden Age pass, which was previously free. The lifetime pass, available to American citizens over 62, admits the holder, and anyone else in the car, free to any park where there is an entrance charge.

Two exhibitions of art from the kingdom of Benin in southern Nigeria will be opening in the United States soon; one Feb. 13-April 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, and the other, starting May 3, in Cleveland, Baltimore and Seattle.

### French Barred U.S. Test for AIDS, Reportedly to Work on Own Version

By Barry James

ional Revald Tribune PARIS - Officials blocked the sale of an American test for AIDS to give a French manufacturer time to catch up on development of a similar product, according to documents published Tuesday. Several hundred people who re-

ceived transfusions during the nearly seven months that the U.S. test was available, but kept off the French market, were infected by the virus that causes AIDS.

According to documents pub-lished by the daily Liberation, François Gros, scientific adviser to then-Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, warned on July 3, 1985, of the

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danger of the U.S. product "flood-ing the French market." Almost six months earlier, Mr.

Gros had recognized in another let-ter to Mr. Fabius that AIDS can also infect anyone suffering an accident or an operation who receives Libération said the documents came from the prime minister's de-

partment and formed part of a judicial inquiry into France's spread-ing blood scandal, for which four former senior health officials have already been convicted. During the trial of those officials in 1992, Mr. Gros affirmed that he

had not been informed before June 1985 of the hazard to hemophiliacs of receiving potentially infected About 1,250 hemophiliaes contracted AIDS, many of them because the French authorities re-

fused to take a clotting agent out of circulation even when the danger of its contamination by the human immunodeficiency virus had been well documented in mid-1985. As a result, Michel Garretta, former head of the National Transfusion Service, received a four-year

rector of research, Jean-Pierre Al-lain, two years in jail. Although experts warned that

Liberation had published only a few documents from a complex legal dossier, the new evidence appears to indicate that senior goverament officials were aware of the danger at an earlier date and in greater detail than has been acknowledged up to now.

Liberation said it also indicated that authorities put commercial protection of a French-made product ahead of the needs of patients. A spokesman for Mr. Fabius declined to comment on the allega-tions, and Mr. Gros could not be

According to the documents, it was not until July 23, 1985, that Abbott Laboratories, an American firm, received permission to market its AIDS test, which had been au-thorized for use in the United States as early as March 2.

By the time the test was authorized for sale in France, a French product developed by the Diagnostics Pasteur company had been developed, and was then used almost exclusively to screen donated blood prison sentence, and his former di- for HIV antibodies.

### Dreyfus Affair Is Back in France

#### Army Historian Is Dismissed for Doubting Innocence

By Alan Riding

PARIS - On the centenary of the arrest of Captain Alfred Dreyfus on charges of treason, the Dreyfus Affair resurfaced here when France's de-fense minister dismissed the head of the army's history section for publishing a study that cast doubt on the Jewish officer's innocence.

Government officials said the minister, François Leotard, was furious when he read the three-page study, which described the deep divisions in French society created by the Dreyfus Affair but concluded merely that "Dreyfus's innocence is the thesis now generally accepted by historians."

For the French state. Dreyfus's innocence was

proven by an appeals court that ordered his reinte-gration into the French Army in 1906. The officer, who had been accused of spying for Germany, served in World War I and was promoted to

Yet the publication of the study in the army magazine, Actualité, and Mr. Léotard's rapid dis-missal of Colonel Paul Ganjac as head of the army's history section, illustrated how the wounds opened by the Dreyfus Affair at the turn of the century have still not fully healed. Dreyfus was arrested in October 1894 after a

French spy in the German Embassy in Paris found

a document that supposedly carried his handwrit-

ing. The case set off a wave of anti-Semitism and, stripped of his rank, he was deported to Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana, In a new

trial in 1899, he was sentenced to a further 10

years' imprisonment. By then, though, demands for his rehabilitation. were growing, spearheaded, among others, by the author Emile Zola, whose famous newspaper article, "J'Accuse," charged that the army general staff had concocted the case against Dreyfus. Finally, in July 1906, a civilian court overturned the werdict. For the powerful "auti-Dreyfusards," who in-

cluded rightists, monarchists, prominent Catholics and anti-Semites, this ruling was a major political setback, but they nonetheless worked to keep alive doubts as to Dreyfus's innocence. The officer died in 1935, but to this day French military justice has not reversed its 1899 verdict.

In the study published last week in Actualité, the "Dreyfusards" are described as socialists, Freemasons, republicans and a Rights of Man League who were intent on breaking "the military caste," while the right — the "anti- Dreyfusards" — saw the affair as an attempt to destabilize the army.

The study glosses over the wrongful conviction and the army's persistent afforts to cover up its.

and the army's persistent efforts to cover up its responsibility, emphasizing instead "the disman-thing of French military intelligence and a reduc-tion of funds for the armed forces at a time when Germany was rearming."
A French historian, Jean-Denis Bredin, the au-

thor of a biography of Dreyfus, said the study was a caricature. "Unfortunately, it confirms the persistence of the old anti-Dreyfusard mentality, conserved and transmitted for over a century," he said in an interview with Liberation

### **ULSTER:** A Set of Deadly Codes

Continued from Page 1

both sets of paramilitaries that they don't knock off their top members. It's a very comfortable situation and they don't want to upset the

Undoing rules of political vio-lence is a central, as yet unrealized challenge for negotiations over Northern Ireland's future. The peace process was reborn in December with a joint declaration of principles by Britain and Ireland and is presently nurtured in hopeful talk among all parties about a democratic peace to end a war that has claimed about 3,400 lives since

But addressing the actual conduct of political violence here is extremely difficult and that's something nobody has addressed, Mr. Maxwell said. The accumula tion of camage has fostered a cul-ture of political murder which serves as "a method of control, of suppressing protest and questioning. The entire community has been censored."

The human-rights group Amnes-ty International published a 48-Northern Ireland's street violence on Tuesday, describing in detail political killings by all sides from 1982 to the autumn of 1993.

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In a sense, the report catalogs informal codes of political violence that would have to be superseded by credible rule of law if peace were ever to take hold in Ulster.

Amnesty's catalog:

• From 1985 to September 1993, IRA soldiers murdered 30 people
fruit vendors, word sellers, catering workers, building supply contractors - solely because they performed outside contract work for the roughly 18,000 British security forces stationed in Northern

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• Since 1991, Protestant and Catholic armed groups have car-ned out well over 200 vigilants "kneecappings" of civilians for al-leged violations of such community standards as drug dealing, car rob bery and refusing to permit the their of vehicles demanded by paramilitary squads to carry out armed operations against their ene-

• In the face of persistent evidence that British security forces have sometimes chosen to deliberately kill terrorist suspects rather than arrest them, Britain's government "evades responsibility by hid-ing behind an array of legal procedures and secret inquiries which serve to cloud the issues." Amnesty

ever to take hold in Ulster.

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# Perry Passes Some Tough Tests, Only Slightly Dazed

New York Times Service

Sworn in Thursday to replace Les Aspin, Mr. Perry joined administration officials at urday's attack on a Sarajevo marketplace the White House the next day to tighten economic sanctions on Haiti's military dominating the news, Mr. Perry deplored the attack and urged a common approach to ending the strife. "He was precise and to-

Some legislators and even administration officials have raised doubts about whether Mr. Perry, who made his name as a technocrat, not a diplomat, can handle miles (110 kilometers) north of London.

Clinton Choice Says

He Supports Israel

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Strobe Talthe Jewish Institute for National

bott, President Bill Clinton's choice Security Affairs and the National

for the No. 2 post at the State Jewish Coalition, have called on Department, insisted Tnesday in Mr. Clinton to withdraw Mr. Tal-

Senate hearings that he was a bott's nomination to be deputy sec-staunch supporter of Israel in spite retary of state because of an alleged

of writings critical of the Jewish anti-Israel bias.

"I have always believed that the U.S.-Israeli relation is unshak-

able," Mr. Talbott said at a Senate

Foreign Relations Committee con-

reporter before he joined the ad-

ministration last year. Questions

focused particularly on a 1981 article in which he suggested that
American lews had political influ-

ence far beyond their numbers and

that Israel had become an "outright"

"I certainly don't feel the way I

did 13 years ago on this," Mr. Tal-bott said in the issue of Israel's

strategic importance. "I simply

Richard Bissell Dies.

changed my opinion."

Mr. Talbott was questioned by Democrats and Republicans about his writings as a Time magazine

firmation hearing.

foreign-policy matters. But in Munich he sounded like a statesman in urging Europe-WASHINGTON — In his first 100 an support for Russia's economic and pohours as defense secretary, William J. Perry lineal reforms, and in beckening nations who also attended the Munich conference, weaved his way through a field of national security land mines, escaping slightly frazsecurity land mines, escaping slightly frazrelation to join the Partnership for Peace and his entourage.

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The property of the property of the property of the partnership for Peace and his entourage. program that seeks to bring nonmembers into closer relations with the alliance.

pet for Munich and a conference on Eurothe point," said Volker Rühe, Germany's
pean security issues.

From the Dressed-for-Success Department: Mr. Perry said last weekend that one On Sunday, with the carnage from Sat- of his first secretarial acts was to buy a suit - off the rack - for his formal swearingin ceremony later this month.

Mr. Perry was referring to those critics who said Mr. Aspin did not help his shambling image by wearing rumpled, light tan, ill-fitting suits.

When asked what color he picked, Mr. Perry said: "Dark blue, you bet. I learned

Mr. Perry, frequently identified as a for-

Mr. Perry took the detour in stride. He mer engineering professor with a Ph.D. in notebooks that he had proved it but that mingled with the troops at the officers' mathematics, has a reputation for bookish-

his talk about peacekeeping. Ukrainian nu-clear weapons and the Bosnian crisis to ask if he believed Fermat's last theorem had really been proved.

Suddenly, Mr. Perry's eyes lighted up. Fermat's last theorem — it says that X raised to the Nth power plus Y raised to the Nth power equals Z raised to the Nth power is true when N equals the integer 2 and no other - is one of the most enduring and difficult problems in mathematics.

Fermat, a 17th-century French mathematician, wrote in the margin of one of his book in six months."

there was no room in the margin to write it out. Then he died, and mathematicians But he did not advance his own cause have been struggling with it ever since. A last weekend when someone interrupted Princeton mathematics professor announced last year that he had discovered a

> Mr. Perry confided that off and on during a year of graduate school at Stanford he had tried to solve the 350-year-old problem unsuccessfully.

But that does not make him a scholarly type, he maintained, "Someone wrote that I was bookish," said Mr. Perry, who quoted the poets T. S. Eliot and W. H. Auden in his speech to the conference on European security. "I haven't had a chance to read a

### A Health Plan Study Sees Deficit Swelling 'We'll Fix That,' Clinton Says

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WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's health plan would drive the federal deficit up by \$74 billion over the next six years, not cut it by \$58 billion as the White House has forecast, the Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday.

The budget office said Mr. Clinton's program would require more subsidies for employers than the White House had initially project-ed. It also predicted that more lowwage workers would qualify for the promised subsidies.

In another setback for the White House, the budget office said Mr. Clinton's mandatory premiums for employers should be included in the federal budget. Mr. Clinton wanted the premiums treated as private transactions, off the bud-

Mr. Clinton said the new esti-mates would not deter him. "We'll fix that," he said in Louisiana after making a speech. "That's not a problem. That's a Washington policy wonk deal. No serious person out here in the real world will be

too troubled by that." The director of the budget office. Robert D. Reischauer, in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee, said Mr. Clinton's proposal would bolster national spending on health in its early tions should, like Social Security, years. But, he said the plan would be listed separately from other fedreduce spending for health in the eral operations.

longer run" and could reduce the deficit after 2004.

He estimated the plan would reduce the deficit by \$10 billion in from 1996 through 2000 by more than \$80 billion.

The office estimated that employers' subsidies would cost \$58 billion in the year 2000 alone, or "\$25 billion more than the administration's figure of \$33 billion."

Mr. Clinton's program, which seeks to guarantee private coverage for all Americans no later than January 1998, should be included in the federal budget because "it establishes both a federal entitlement to health benefits and a system of mandatory payments to finance those benefits." the budget office

It said the regional alliances where most Americans would get their coverage "would operate primarily as agents of the federal gov-

Accordingly, the report said, the budget office "believes that the financial transaction of the health alliances should be included in the federal government's accounts and that the premium payments should be shown as governmental receipts rather than as offsets to spending."

But it said the alliance opera-

### **Clinton Tries to Deflect** Insurers' 'Propaganda'

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana

Mr. Clinton told workers at a General Motors plant here that insurers now had too much power to decide who gets health insurance and who does not. "We ought to

"We're moving the insurance companies out of the driver's seat and letting the people and the businesses have more influence." Mr. Clinton's appearance in

Shreveport was part of an effort to rebut arguments against his plan and deflate the growing appeal of a rival plan proposed by two fellow Democrats, Representative Jim Cooper of Tennessee and Senator John B. Breaux of Louisiana.

Mr. Clinton referred obliquely to that plan, which unlike his own would not mandate coverage for all Americans but would provide "uni-versal access" to health benefits by trying to make insurance more af-fordable.

"Don't fall for all this rhetoric ton said. Gesturing to a gleaming new pickup truck, he said: "We have universal access now if you've got \$10,000 or \$15,000. There's universal access to this truck, but only

### ment take over the health-care sys By Ruth Marcus

Washington Post Service

President Bill Clinton assailed what he called misleading "propaganda" about his health care plan from the insurance industry on Tuesday and said "enlightened business leaders" understood the need for coverage for all Ameri-

stop it," he said.

Mr. Clinton also criticized an insurance industry advertising campaign that portrays the Clinton program as a government takeover of the health-care system that would deny individuals the freedom to choose their doctors.

"I get tickled," he said, "when I read these ads by these folks that are so desperate to keep the system we have now and they say, Oh, the president wants to have the govern- people with the money can pay it."

#### Away From Politics

• Intense downpows in Southern California from the most powerful storm of the winter lashed the fire-denuded hillsides, unleashing destructive mudslides that inundated beachfront homes in Malibu. Commuter traffic, already crippled by earthquake detours, slowed to a crawl in many areas as low-lying intersections began to flood and vehicles started skidding on rain-slick streets.

 Two members of the U.S. Army's precision parachute team, the Golden Knights, collided during a practice jump at Yuma, Arizona. One died and the other lost both legs, Sergeant Jose Aguillon of San Antonio suffered a fatal heart attack after landing in a tree. Sergeant Dana Bowman, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, landed in a parking lot. suffering injuries that forced amputation of both legs below the knee. An 8-month-old girl was killed by a bowling ball dropped from an overpass in Jersey City. New Jersey. The ball slammed through the window of a car and struck the girl in the face. She had been riding in the back seat of the car with her 3-year-old brother.

 Testimony on whether Michael Jackson sexually molested a young boy will be heard by a grand jury convening Wednesday in Los Angeles, according to a local television station. KNBC. It quoted sources as saying Marlon Brando's son, Miko. a former Jackson bodyguard, would be the first witness.

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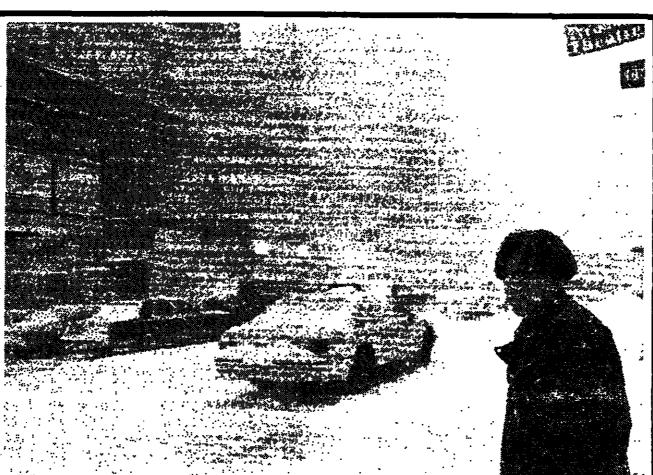
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A Very British Welcome:



ANOTHER NORTHEAST BLIZZARD — A New Yorker trying to find a cab in Times Square during a snowstorm Tuesday. Flights into Kennedy International and Newark International airports were halted, and delays were reported at La Guardia Airport.

## Planned Bay of Pigs

Two Republican senators, Con-

mie Mack of Florida and Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, spoke against Mr. Talbott because of his

extreme views." However, Israe-

Mr. Talbott, a close friend and

former roommate of Mr. Clinton's

at Oxford, is currently the State Department's ambassador-at-large to the republics of the former Sovi-

et Union. He easily won confirma-

In his new post, he would be

responsible for the management of

the State Department as well as

being involved in key policy deci-

tion to that post a year ago.

h's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, defended Mr. Talbott as "a

very good man."

Monday in Farmington, Connectitiat he would "be remembered in cut. His assistant said he had been the intelligence community as one having heart problems.

While Mr. Bissell's role as a prin-

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cipal architect of what became a disaster for the newly installed Kennedy administration is widely remembered, he had already made great, largely unsung contributions in other fields of government service during and after World Wer H.

As a special assistant and later deputy director of plans for Allen Dulles, the CIA chief, Mr. Bissell guided the agency's claudestime program for building the high-fly-ing U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, as well as its supersonic successor, the SR-71, and the first orbiting spy satellite, called Corona.

WASHINGTON — Richard
Bissell Jr., 84, the senior government official who took responsibility for the Central Intelligence
Agency's failed attempt to topple
Agency's failed atte of the fathers of high-altitude photographic reconnaissance which, as it developed, did much to improve

intelligence during the Cold War.

In his capacity as head of clandestine operations, Mr. Bissell also

Tiana Leannitz, 96, a German soprano whose performances of Wagner and Mozart from the 1930s to the 1950s brought her fame, died in a Berlin hospital Saturday.

Award for Music. Several other

cal Music Award for his Symphony

Born in Warsaw in 1913, he first

Krzysztof Penderecki, another

leading Polish composer, said that "the man who created the great

part of Polish 20th century music

has gone."
"He taught us Polish music and

studied mathematics before pursu-

ing music at the Warsaw Conserva-

of his own works.

was responsible for the CIA's creation - at President John F. Kennedy's request after the Bay of Pigs of a top secret assassination project, code-named ZR/Rifle, whose target was Fidel Castro, prime minister of Cuba at the time.

### **AMERICAN**

#### L.A. Public Garages Hit Hard by Quake

Of all modern buildings damaged in the Los Angeles earth-quake on Jan. 17, public garages were hardest hit, according to a preliminary report by the Univer-sity of California-Berkeley's Earthquake Engineering Research Center. New parking structures were more damaged than older ones built at a time of weaker building codes and less engineering knowledge.

No-Smoking Public Buildings?

WASHINGTON -- The Clinton adminis-

tration is backing legislation to ban smoking

in all buildings used by the public, from taverns to hardware stores, saying the nation could save tens of billions of dollars each

year, along with 38,000 to 108,000 lives, with only small enforcement costs.

In addition, each of the last six surgeons general of the United States, from four Re-

publican and two Democratic administrations, has spoken in support of the measure at

a House subcommittee hearing. They echoed

the theme that this single measure could do more for the public health than any other bill

Speaking against the measure was Charles
O. Whitley of the Tobacco Institute, which

This attempt to ban smoking is an exam-

ple of social engineering on a vast scale," Mr. Whitley said. "Such massive intervention in

the private lives and choices of one-quarter of

our adult population recalls the extremism of

Probibition, the last national crusade against

represents large tobacco companies

in years.

Typically, public garages fea-ture long spans and open archi-tecture, both to save money and park the largest number of cars. Interior partitions and walls, which would dissipate part of a they eat sugar — excited by ex-

quake's destructive energy, are kept to a minimum. Exterior walls also have large openings, to help light and ventilate the building, thus providing fewer structural elements to absorb the

The worst damage was to garages assembled from precast concrete sections. More expensive, but more quake-resistant, is pouring the concrete into forms to harden as a single unit, or building with steel, which is the most quake-resistant material of all, the Los Angeles Times re-

Short Takes

Sugar, it is widely believed, is bad for children because it not only damages their teeth, but also can send them spinning into a frenzy. Yet study after study has found that sugar has no effect on behavior. Scientists say children may indeed get overexcited when

natents do not know when they are eating sugar.

Most new cars are equipped with air bags. Now Breed Tech-nologies of Lakeland. Florida. has begun selling an "after mar-ket" driver's side air bag — actually a replacement steering wheel that contains both air bag and sensors to detect a crash people who would like air bags but are not ready to trade in their cars. The cost is \$700 to \$900.

Landers advice column: If at first you do succeed, try something harder. Of Patriotic Paintings

Gem of the Day, from the Ann

Hanging in the Mind

Washington crossing the Dela-ware, the Pilgrims' first Thanks-

The proposed legislation, the Smoke-Free Environment Act, was debated at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. It would ban smoking in every building regularly entered by 10 or more

residences. Building owners could have special smoking rooms in public buildings if the rooms were not used for anything else and were ventilated directly outside, rather than circulating air back into the building. The bill would also ban smoking within the immedi-

**'Earth Budget' Draws Praise** WASHINGTON - While President Bill

ate vicinity of the building entrances. (NYT)

Clinton has taken a few lumps from environ-mentalists recently, his second budget is being viewed widely as broadly protective of America's natural resources. From spending more money to protect wetlands, rivers and lakes to getting Ameri-cans to burn less oil instead of drilling for it in

people at least one day a week, not including

#### **Early Retirements Made Easy** WASHINGTON - Three of the largest

DeGennaro of Friends of the Earth.

"This is an Earth budget," said Ralph

giving and William Penn's treaty with the Indians are featured in

"Picturing History: American Painting 1770-1930," currently

showing at Washington's Corco-ran Gallery.

Paul Richard of The Washing-

ton Post is moved to reflect, "lis

canvases are chestnuts, their

pomposities are painful." Indeed,

most will make you cringe." For

the boringly good-looking peo-

ple in these paintings — the hum-

ble, pious Pilgrims, the Founders

in their powdered wigs, those

brawny pioneers — strike the sort of poses one sees in silent mov-

with hokum."

s." In a word, "this exhibit drips

And yet: "There is something

that prevents us from laughing at

these pictures. . . . For most of us

have in some corner of our brains

a patriotic hall of fame, a gallery

of icons, and much of it was in-

Arthur Higbee

stalled by images like these."

federal departments — Agriculture, Interior and Transportation — have been given expanded authority to offer early retirements any time and at any location to eligible workers. Nearly 35,000 people in the three depart-ments could qualify for early retirement on immediate pension.

If coupled with cash buyout payments. which Congress may consider next week, the expanded authority could permit federal agencies to meet the president's 252,000 job cut goal without resorting to last-hired-firstfired layoffs.

#### Quote/Unquote

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen: "The American job machine is now up and runan Arctic refuge, the Clinton proposals brought praise from environmental leaders.

### JAPAN: A Tepid U.S. Response

ty of Louisville Grawemeyer introduced it to Europe."

Witold Lutoslawski, 81,

**Leading Polish Composer** 

WARSAW — Witold Luto- compositions received Grammy

slawski, 81, the dean of Polish composers, died Monday in Warsaw, toslawski received Britain's Classi-

try in Eastern Europe producing tory. Since 1964, he had frequently music related to the Western avantappeared worldwide as conductor

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PAP news agency reported.

Mr. Lutoslawski was a leading figure in contemporary music after World War II, a period in which

Poland was virtually the only coun-

garde. Many of his compositions were openly influenced by the

His Symphony No. 3 brought him the Grammy Award for best

contemporary composition in 1983. It also won the first Universi-

works of Bela Bartok.

up with some concrete agreements.
But with that looking increasingly indikely. American officials are

The plan also includes \$21 bil. now talking more about how they should deal with what could be a downbeat, and openly confrontational summit.

Clinton administration officials say they believe that they are in a win-win situation when it comes to the meeting: either Mr. Hosokawa will make some last-minuse concessions and Mr. Chinton will be able showed Tuesday that Mr. Hoto hold up the results as a victory, or the president will take a harsh and public line with the Japanese, which officials believe will play well with the American public.

On Capitol Hill, there is a strong move afoot for taking a tough stand with Mr. Hosokawa, including breaking off these negotiations altogether and simply using unlat-eral American trade sanctions to try to break open Japan's closed

Mr. Hosokawa's plan involves negotiators would be able to come ever proposed in Japan. It includes

> lion for government purchases of land for public works programs, which would have the effect of reviving the moribund real estate market, where prices have tumbled more than 50 percent over the last

Despite the agreement, the political damage has been done. Polls plummeted more than 20 percentage points, to around 50 percent, since he set off a storm last week with his proposal for the sales-usx

Economists have said the new plan should make the difference between Japan's economy shrinking again this year or posting mod-est growth as part of a longer-term recovery. Nevertheless, the consensus seems to be that growth will remain at about 1 percent or less.

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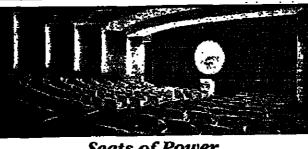
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### Let's See if NATO Can Act

#### The Challenge Is Clear

The single presumably Serbian-fired mortar shell that killed 68 Bosnian civilians in a Sarajevo market changes really nothing. But in the universe of CNN that we all now inhabit, it has sparked a new round of international shock and indignation. The question is whether the embers of emotion will burn down before the bestirred governments act.

As always, there are powerful reasons to evade a change. Air strikes, in their several modes, offer undeniable tactical uncertainties and tempt Serbian retaliation against peacekeepers and aid workers. Even to keep on the old sanctions, let alone to add new ones, aggravates the mounting fatigue of nearby states crucial to enforcement. Lifting the arms embargo to permit Muslims something closer to parity with Serbs and Croats threatens to escalate the war and derail international diplomacy.

But none of these considerations is overwhelming; all are judgment matters. On air strikes, the Gulf War showed the possibilities of precision bombing; political and military responses to Serbian retaliation are available; credibility has its continuing uses in the post-Cold War world. As for sanctions, they may be a wasting asset, but while they last they hurt. To lift the arms embargo is to allow the Muslim-led Bosnian government, otherwise

#### No to an Unjust Peace

The mortar shell that turned Sarajevo's main market into a killing field Saturday afternoon heightens pressure on NATO leaders, Bill Clinton included, to find a way to hasten the end of the 22-month-old Bosnia war. But it would be perverse indeed if this latest Serbian atrocity became the occasion for President Clinton to abandon his long and principled resistance to French and British pressure to impose an unjust and unenforceable settlement on the Bosnian government.

European governments have been playing a cynical game. Until Serbian gunners pushed matters too far last weekend, the Europeans were perfectly willing to use the shelling of Sarajevo and other cities to pressure the Bosnian government to accept a bad partition plan that denied them vital territory and transit routes. If they now agree to endorse NATO air strikes against the siege guns, they fully expect Washington, in return, to join in their diplomatic gang-up, at the very moment when the Bosnian government has begun to gain military strength, reversing some of its earlier losses.

Mr. Clinton must tell the Europeans no deal. Instead he should call on them to lift the one-sided United Nations arms embargo so that the Bosnians can properly defend themselves. In that context, and in that context alone, NATO air strikes, with European as well as American planes participating, could speed a decent end to the conflict.

What has held up air strikes until now is a joint UN-European Union strategy based not on stopping aggression but on forcing a negotiated peace. While diplomacy is generally has been the false moral equality it has ap-

President Bill Clinton moved on Monday to take possession of still another Republican

issue. To crime and welfare reform you can

now add spending restraint. He submitted a

budget under which spending in the next fiscal year would rise by only 2.3 percent, or \$34

billion. That is less than the likely inflation rate

and slightly less than the so-called "current

services" estimate of what it would take to keep

the government going next year on automatic pilot — no policy changes either up or down. In real terms under the Clinton proposal, reflecting in part some tough spending terms

that Congress forced on the new administra-

tion last year, the government would shrink.

Criticism of the proposal was muted, again

a reflection of the fact that it is a product of an

agreement last summer in which Congress and the administration both had a hand. But such

criticism as did occur came partly from liberal

Democrats wanting to spend more, not just

from Republicans claiming to want to spend

less. Yes, there is going to be a debate over how

to account for the spending in Mr. Clinton's health care plan and whether to add it to the

budget (even though most of it is occurring already). But the president seems to have pretty

well inoculated himself against the charge of

tax and spend. He proposed to practice a

restraint that his predecessors mainly preached.

Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and in-

terest on the debt. Together they are expected to cost about \$50 billion more in 1995. De-

fense is slated to cost \$7 billion less. There will

also be some savings from the economic re-

covery — unemployment insurance costs will

decline - and the government will make more next year than this from the sale of

assets acquired in the takeover of failed S&Ls.

The rest of the budget is pretty much a wash.

The rules are such that just about any legislat-

ed increase in spending has to be offset by a cut. The budget does include some increases

in favored programs in the name of invest-

ment. They are indeed offset, some of them by

The four great engines in the budget are

without effective international aid, an expanded self-defense. It fights, after all, for its own towns and to reverse the "ethnic cleansing" that others profess to deplore.

But who at this late date can believe that policy turns on position-paper analysis of options? Certainly standards of reasonable sense must be met. But, as the Sarajevo blast reminds us, the real issue is whether the United Nations and especially NATO can act in a situation which has its contrary aspects but which remains in essence a case of rampant Serbian brutality. The American government occasionally grasps parts of the point but in general tends to conduct a rambling and endless seminar with itself, rather than make timely decisions consistent with the obliga-

tions of American leadership. How many times can the United States go up and down the hill on air strikes, for instance? How long can Bill Clinton talk of lifting the arms embargo without making it a forceful priority at the United Nations? How could he move over the weekend, suddenly and without explanation, from rejecting to accepting an unfair international deal resisted by the Muslims? How could he allow himself to muse, in a way comforting to Serbs, on the authorship of the latest mortar attack? The challenge before President Clinton is very clear.

plied to the Serbian and Croatian aggressors and their Muslim victims.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

An arms embargo theoretically applied to all sides has until recently disarmed only the landlocked Bosnian defenders, not the Serbian and Croatian attackers who manage to produce or smuggle in all the guns they need. Pressure on the Serbs has consisted of economic sanctions that have grown increasingly porous; the Croats have received little more than words of warning, Meanwhile, the Bosnians have been pressured to accept a iruncated share of territory by the siege guns shelling Sarajevo and

other government-controlled cities.
In the name of this "evenhanded" strategy,
European and UN officials left that artillery unmolested, despite Security Council resolutions proclaiming those cities protected safe havens and NATO resolutions threatening air strikes unless the Serbs lifted the sieges.
The callous amorality of this "evenhanded-

ness" rightly repelled the Clinton administra-tion, which, although it had no clear strategy of its own, refused to endorse the efforts of its allies to let the Serbian siege artillery batter the Bosnians into accepting an unjust peace. Not only principle is at stake. Given the bitterness of this conflict, a peace imposed at the bargaining table is guaranteed to be resisted in the forests, mountains and cities of Bosnia. Any international force deployed to enforce or even monitor such a sullen peace is

likely to become a target for all sides.

Now the carnage inflicted by the Serbian artillery may be more than any democratically accountable government can abide. But as the Europeans soften their opposition to punitive air strikes. Washington must stand firm on the - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

example — that are Democratic to the core.

Republicans will say this year, as they did

last year, that Congress should pocket the cuts

and forget the investments; the proceeds would

go to deficit reduction. The Senate is also

scheduled to take up this month the so-called

balanced budget amendment to the constitu-

tion. But social policy should not be suspended

for the next few years — the country has a social as well as a budget deficit to overcome —

and the constitutional amendment would do

less to balance the budget than it would to

restore political gridlock. You do not have to

hide behind the constitution to achieve fiscal

responsibility; you just have to make a few

tough calls. The president has done a good job.

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A Good Job on the Budget

### The Bosnia War Crimes Could Well Go Unpunished

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GENEVA — The slaughter of 68 people at a crowded market in Sarajevo on Saturday brutally demonstrates how ineffectual Western leaders and the United Nations have been in

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stopping the genocide in Bosnia. Less noticed is the discreet gutting of the one opportunity for justice — however inadequate — that the international community had promised to the citizens of that abused country.

The teeth are being pulled from the International War Crimes Tribunal, set up by the UN Security Council with fanfare last year. The UN War Crimes Commission, which is charged with assem-

bling evidence, will soon be disbanded. This is being done by the very statesmen who hailed the tribunal — at least publicly — as the means of ensuring that however unfavorable a peace settlement would be to the Bosnians, they could at least see justice done to the perpetrators of mass rape, murder and torture.

For people who have lost family, homes, com-

munities and country, the prospect of protracted international legal proceedings against the Serbian and Croatian leaders Slobodan Milosevic, Franjo Tudiman, Radovan Karadzic and their heutenants might seem cold comfort at best.
Yet, as the Nuremberg trials demonstrated,

holding a vicious regime to account is an important

act of renewal for both sides. Now that opportunity may be lost. The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, has indicated that he expects the War Crimes Commission to wrap up its work by April This abrupt closing of the investigation before the tribu-nal is properly up and running is already having consequences on the ground. It has raised doubts about the mbunal's legal authority for completing the exhumation of a mass grave of Croatian victims of suspected Serbian war crimes in Vukovar.

Future investigations, and therefore prosecutions,

By Sadruddin Aga Khan

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are also likely to be undercut. To make things worse, the Venezuelan appointed to be chief proscutor has now renounced the job to pursue a political career. This means further delay.

International leaders are engaged in a monu-mental whitewash of Serbian and Croatian leaders for reasons of political expediency, to keep them at the negotiating table.

Reluctant to use air strikes or other military

intervention, Western politicians offer these lead-ers a new respectability and the promise of eventufinancial support, grateful for any indication

that they will stop the atrocious war.

Many of the international negotiators who initially went along with the idea of a war crimes tribunal probably never thought of it as a practical possibility, but as a convenient way to silence human rights activists and other supporters of the Bosnians. Perhaps they thought the tribunal could be used later as a bargaining chip to win Serbian

and Croatian agreement to a peace settlement.

For critics of the West's cowardly stance during this sayage war, however, the tribunal mattered: It offered some prospect of accountability. Although it was never likely that the paper trail

would exist to implicate top officials, the successful prosecution of field commanders and local extremists who encouraged mass rape and murder might have begun a healing process after the war. Now, though, the neutering of the international tribunal is under way. Only a facade will remain, it seems - one that can be counted on not to produce embarrassing prosecutions. A neat Machiavellian bargain.

Consider the separate agreement signed last year by the Bosnian Muslim leader Fikret Abdic with Serbia. It is an indication of what an eventual

peace treaty between the warring parties could encompass. The agreement states that each side will prosecute its own, and that each regards the

conflict as an internal matter.

The implications for potential war crimes trials are significant. Under international law, only international wars can produce such crimes. Thus, threats of war crimes prosecutions from the UN tribunal would become meaningless.

Fortunately, the tribunal also has jurisdiction over two other categories of crimes - genocide and crimes against humanity, the latter covering crimes such as mass rape.

For these categories, international prosecution

overrides national law. Yet even here jurisdiction

without political will is ineffectual.

The goal of prosecuting and punishing offenders must not be abandoned. It is not only a question of punishing barbaric crimes. It is just as important that we have a complete historical record of the war. We owe it to the victims, we owe it to ourselves and we owe it to history.

Above all, by insisting on such a record, we reassert our own humanity and decency and de-

clare solidarity with those who have suffered. We also send a strong message to other poten-tial violators. There must be a clear threat that even if these criminals remain protected at home,

they will be pariahs abroad.

The latest outrage in Sarajevo requires an immediate response by the United Nations and NATO.
But it requires more than that. An attack of that scale on civilians is a war crime. It urgently reminds us of the need for a strengthened interna-tional tribunal that can pursue a full investigation and bring those responsible to justice.

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### He Is Wise To Proceed \* With Care

#### By Richard Cohen

MUNICH—The Clinton administration finds itself in a bind regarding Bosnia. Having talked tough but acted meekly, threatening air strikes but authorizing none, it now finds itself in a put-up or shut-up dilemma. For the moment, it has chosen the prudent — but to some less satisfying — course. It has decided to shut up and think things out.

That is smart. The insistent calls

from members of Congress and others to punish the Serbs from the air are uttered as if air power was some sort of panacea — and not, possibly, the first step toward escalation of the war, including the targeting of instal-lations in Serbia proper. But while bombings would hurt the Serbs, it's not likely that they will end the war.

Air power never does.

That was the lesson of Vietnam, a That was the lesson of Vietnam, a losing war, and even of Desert Storm, a winning one. Massive bombing did not bring the Vietnamese Comminists to their knees. Even in Iraq, it took ground troops to bring the war to an end. And despite absolute control of the air, the United States and its allies were never really able to its allies were never really able to locate Iraq's Scud missile sites. How air power will find and destroy mobile artillery in mountainous Bosnia is a question American policy-makers

ought to ponder.
And pondering they are. At a conference here devoted to strategic issnes, Bosnia was nowhere on the agenda but on everyone's mind. The killing of 68 persons in a Sarajevo market came to the conference hotel on CNN. Almost immediately, De-fense Secretary William Perry was asked what Washington was going to do. He could only repeat the adminis-tration's long-standing pledge, a kind of wagging finger at the Serbs: Keep it up and we'll bomb you.

But outside the meeting room, se-nior NATO military officers were at a loss to translate that pledge into a winning strategy to end the war. To the threat of using air power to lift the siege of Sarajevo and open the airport at Tuzla, a senior military official could only express puzzle-ment: How can the Sarajevo airport be kept open when it is vulnerable to fire from the surrounding mountains? As for Tuzla, the Serbs have closed the airport there to relief flights, but are allowing truck convoys in. Air strikes there could mean the end of the convoy operation.

CNN's pictures from Sarajevo had an immediate impact on the confer-ence here. After a dinner, a group of Americans including Senators John Glenn of Ohio and Christopher Bond of Missouri peppered NATO's top brass with questions about what could be done. The answers, unfortunately, are the same in private as they are in blic. Air strikes might jeopardize UN peacekeeping troops: Air strikes might doom the humanitarian aid pro-gram which, so far, has largely succeeded. Wide-scale starvation in Bosnia has been averted. To that extent. the United Nations has done its job.

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The deliberate murder of noncombatants is an obscenity. But all sides in the Bosnian war have committed foul deeds. And the line between combatants and civilians was obliterated in World War II. The Serbs may be beasts, but they are not original thinkers.

The Clinton administration seems to be arriving at a prudent policy on Bosnia. It is right not to react immediately to what is seen on television. It will also be right if, as it now seems, the administration takes a leadership role in bringing the warring parties to the negotiating table—and puts some muscle behind its intentions with covert operations aimed at the Serbs. At the same time, it can no longer afford to offer the Muslims the hope, no matter how understandable, that NATO air power will be used on their side. To the Muslims, air power is only an initial step — a hoped-for escala-tion that ought to give everyone panse.

The impulse to punish the Serbs is understandable. But those who advocate that course have an obligation to ask about the next step. Logic says it must be the bombing of military and infrastructure targets in Serbia proper and, if that fails, the introduction of U.S. ground troops — a step no one wants to take one wants to take.

In the CNN age, the desire is to balance one image with another — to respond immediately to what is seen. But Mr. Clinton understands the implications. He has to worry if bombing will do more harm than good and what happens if the answer is the former, The stakes are great, not just for Bosma and Europe, but for the Clinton

The Washington Post.

### NATO Is Realistic About Russia and Enlargement

By Michael Rühle

BRUSSELS — Even before the NATO summit meeting in January ended, many commentators had singled out the wimps and the losers: NATO and Central and Eastern Eu-For fear of Russia, the analysts NATO refused membership to the new democracies to its east; and in the Partnership for Peace, it of-fered them nothing more than a security placebo. In short, NATO missed an opportunity offered by Russia's weakness, and betrayed the hones of

the new democracies. For more than 40 years, the thinking classes have been predicting NA-TO's failure. According to the latest gloomy forecasts, the alliance's future is as grim as ever. Some see it dissolving into "abstract multilater-alism." Others say it must either go "out of area" — extending its reach - or "out of business."

What is surprising here is not only the choice of terminology — any cli-ché, from "appeasement" (Richard Perle) to "echoes of Yalta" (Zbigniew Brzezinski), seems worthy of reheating -but who is talking. Many of the commentators have adopted dramat-

they considered realistic in the past. Consider, for example, James Baker, who demands clear criteria and a timetable for those countries that want to join NATO. As secretary of "Moscow myopia" (Senator Mitch state, the smooth Mr. Baker would never have tied his policy to such a rigid framework.

Or consider Mr. Perle, attacking NATO's "appeasement" of Russia but forgetting that the Reagan administra-tion joined in the "Gorbymania" of the late '80s that made even some of Mikhail Gorbachev's European fans shudder. And then there is Henry Kissinger, who eloquently questions a Western policy that he deems Russophile. Is this the same Mr. Kissinger who was the architect of U.S.-Soviet

bilateralism, the virtuoso of secret diplomacy and of "back-channeling"? Arguments about NATO have always provided a convenient battleground for partisan struggle in U.S. domestic politics. If the current arguments are considered on their own terms, they hardly warrant the rhetori-

ically different stances from what cal overkill we hear. A look at today's security landscape reveals why the course charted by NATO's 16 members is both right and lar-reaching.

McConnell's term) to conclude that Russia, the strongest military power in Europe, will continue to require careful handling. This does not translate into a Russian veto on NATO policies, but it underscores that Russian perceptions have to be taken seriously. NATO, which made a tremendous effort to contain the Soviet Union for four decades, cannot suddenly pretend that it does not care what is

going on in Russia. This is especially true when NATO defense budgets are in free-fall — a fact that should give pause to those who argue in layor of extending security guaran-The goal of avoiding the isolation of

Russia does not derive from an ill-founded Western belief in some form of therapy for Russia. It derives from the realization that it is too early to

write Russia off as a sensible partner. The NATO summit took place only a month after the first democratic elections in Russia. It does not require a leap of imagination to conclude that neither Mr. Baker nor Mr. Kissinger would now be advocating, if still in office, a policy of Russian isolation, when they strove continuously to engage the Soviet Union constructively in the past.

If there is any false belief in therapy,

it is in the camp of NATO-enlargers, many of whom maintain that an ex-panded NATO would be in Russia's interest. In terms of stability in Central and Eastern Europe this may be true. But what constitutes Russian interests is a matter yet to be defined by the Russians themselves. Events since the end of the Cold

War have failed to persuade the Russian military that NATO's motives are benign. Explaining to a humiliated Russian military establishment that an expansion of NATO would be a net gain for them, not another de-feat, would exceed even Henry Kissinger's ingenuity.

Critics of Partnership for Peace

seem unwilling to appreciate the practical value of the program. The countries of Central and Eastern Europe will be given an opportunity to make their military structures compatible with NATO's, an essential condition for future membership. And transpar-ency in defense budgeting and the need for democratic control of armed forces are being promoted through co-operation in the Partnership.

One of the guiding principles of the Partnership is self-differentiation. Every partner is given the same chance at the start, but NATO proceeds on the realistic assumption that some might want to choose the fast track while others go slow.

With its offer of enhanced military

cooperation through the Partnership for Peace, NATO has drawn the right conclusion from a security environment that is still in flux. The Partnership is a preliminary answer — a framework for an evolving process.

The writer, senior planning officer in NATO's political affairs division, comments here in a personal capacity for the International Herald Tribune.

administration. Bosnia, not health care, could be what makes or breaks it-

## Norway Hopes to Enjoy the Diversion

#### Islam and Extremism

Many people in the Islamic world genuinely fear Western materialism and mass culture as a deadly challenge to their Islamic culture and way of life. We fall into the trap of dreadful arrogance if we confuse "modernity" in other countries with their becoming more like us.

Our form of materialism can be offensive to devout Muslims. We must understand that reaction. This would help us understand what we have come to see as the threat of Islamic fundamentalism. We need to be careful of that emotive label, "fundamentalism." and distinguish, as Muslims do, between revivalists, who choose to take the practice of their religion most devoutly, and fanatics or extremists, who use this devotion for political ends.

We must not be tempted to believe that extremism is in some way the hallmark and essence of the Muslim. The Prophet himself disliked and feared extremism.

- Prince Charles, speaking at the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies.



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OSLO — After King Harald V opens the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer on Saturday, Norway will be in the spotlight for two weeks. This prospect provides gratification but will also grant diversion.

Norwegians are modest people. Most are content for their country to come into the news only when the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded. But Norway's role in the Mideast peace talks brought it to center stage. For-eign Minister Johan Jorgen Holst's funeral was a media event, especially when the Israeli-PLO negotiations again moved briefly to Oslo.

Starting on Saturday, most Norwegians will spend two weeks in front of their television sets. They will proudly count the medals won by their countrymen. This will provide a pleasant diversion from what preoccupies them, their second debate in a quarter century over their relations with Europe.

in fact, Norway became firmly linked to the European Union on Jan. I. when the awkwardly named European Economic Area came formally into effect. Norway and its Nordic neighbors, Sweden and Fin-land, will now gradually become a part of a Western Europe with (relatively) free movement of goods, people, capital and services.

While the public debate focused on membership in the European Union, the EEA treaty slid rather easily through the political process. Few Norwegians have the slightest idea of the treaty's contents. Someday they will realize that they are already party to a trial marriage

Given the extensive reach of the EEA, a question arises. In view of the odds against membership being approved in a referendum, why go through the pain of negotiations in Brussels and a debate at home? The government would like to have a seat at the table in Brussels,

and Prime Minister Gro Harlem

Brundtland is not one to give up

By John C. Ausland

easily. Although one must hope she will overcome the odds against her, I have a feeling at times of watching for the second time a melodrama moving to an inevitable conclusion.

When discussing their relation-ship with Europe, Norwegians are hampered by a lack of experience in debating international economic questions. In order to maintain peace within the Labor Party after the 1972 referendum, discussion of relations with the Continent was minimized. As a result, the Labor Party does not have an oversupply of leaders trained to cope with the

challenges that now confront them.
As the Oslo daily Aftenposten noted, the foreign minister brought into office by Mr. Holst's death, Bjorn Tore Godal, is the first representative of the 1968 generation to occupy that post. Like many of his eration, he once opposed membership in the European Community and NATO. Most of this group discovered, however, that they could not get ahead in Norwegian politics and oppose NATO. Many have also come to see Europe as a potential

alternative to the Pentagon.
With so much attention focused on Europe, there is little left to worry about Norway's security. Still. Norwegians are well aware that there is a great deal of military power just to the east of them on the Kola Peninsula. The reassurance provided by the fact that much of it is rusting has been offset by signs that Russia is beginning to reassert itself. The recent Russian elections reinforced these concerns.

The discovery that the Russians were even worse housekeepers regarding their nuclear waste than was realized causes a more immediate anxiety. As Prime Minister Brundtland noted at the recent NATO summit, Norway is not the only country that needs to be worried about nuclear pollution of the sea and reactor time bombs, It is not easy to detect much that is being done about this Norway lacks the resources, and Washington is concentrating on missiles targeted on the United States.

Preoccupation with other mat-

ters has meant that there has been

little public reaction to the reduc-

tion of U.S. activities in Norway. For example, the decline in U.S. interest in Norwegian electronic installations has barely been noticed. In an interview, Defense Minister Jorgen Kosmo stressed the importance of keeping up with nuclear activities on the Kola Peninsula. He was not so concerned about what Russian military authorities might do as about preventing nuclear weapons and fuel from falling

into the wrong hands.

U.S. intelligence agencies are busy looking for new missions. The U.S. Navy has discovered that its devices for undersea surveillance of Soviet submarines can also be used to keep up with whales.

The Pentagon's decision to reduce U.S. Air Force activity, without first consulting the Norwegians, also attracted little attention. With the help of quick diplomatic foot-work, quiet bilateral talks are now under way. U.S. Air Force operations will be reduced but perhaps not as much as they would have. There was a time when the con-

cern about Russia and the reduc-

tion of U.S. activities would have been big news here. Such matters cannot compete with the Olympics.

And then there will be the exhausting debate on Europe. The outcome will not hinge on the difficult issues being negotiated in Brussels - agriculture, fishing, oil. The crux will be whether Norway should abandon the independence it obtained less than a hundred years ago,

after centuries of flying the Danish and then the Swedish flags? International Herald Tribune.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO:

1894: Setback in Africa

PARIS — The triumph felt in certain sections of the colonial party in France at the successful occupation of Timbuctoo by Colonel Bonnier's column has been but short lived. Despatches which arrived in Paris yesterday [Feb. 8] report that a French column at Timbuctoo has been massacred to the last man. It is far from clear whether it is a question of the main column under Colonel Bonnier's command or whether it refers to a flying column detatched by him on some special service.

1919: Inaugural Flight

PARIS - Delayed by the foggy weather of the last week or two, the departure of the first public Paris-London aero-car took place at last yesterday [Feb. 8]. The Goliath, the iamous Farman passenger machine, left the aerodrome of Toussus-le-Noble, near Versailles, at noon, Official bulletins had announced clear weath-

er everywhere, although the cold was intense. The start of the giant aero-plane on its inaugural trip to London-was witnessed by a good number of aviation enthusiasts and experts, who had gathered to wish the pilot and engers "Bon Voyage!"

1944: A Speedy Drop

A FLYING FORTRESS BASE England — [From our New York cdition:] After jettisoning their guns; flak suits and armor plating to lighten; the plane, the crew of a Flying Fortress badly damaged in today's [Feb; 8] Frankfur raid established a mochanical record by cutting loose the plane's ball turret in fifteen minutes and dropping it on Germany, Second, Lieutenant James P. Cain, bombardier, of Barnum, Iowa said: They told us over here that it had never been done before and that it would take at least two or three hours before it could be done at all. Well, the boys, did it in fifteen minutes, and I hope is hit Hitler on the head."

#### OPINION

# Once the Bombing Starts, With Carry The Road Signs Grow Dim

N EW YORK — U.S. participation in air strikes against Bosman Serb artillery and mortar positions would be Act I of American military involvement in the Bosnian civil war -just Act I.

What are the scripts for Act II and Act III? The new secretary of defense, William Perry, asked those questions publicly, but did not answer. But President Bill Clinton will have to answer if he sends planes into action.

Wisely, he has resisted pressure to get militarily involved and still wants to stay out of the war. But the latest murderous shelling of Sarajevo is

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pushing him hard. The Bosnian Serbs say Muslims did it to bring foreign intervention. The world does not believe it.

The president will not act alone. But with the participation of European allies he would go along - as some of his top people now urge.

Then, as they should remember, it becomes Mr. Clinton's war. Abroad, allies and enemies will not let him forget that. At home, Clinton's future will ride on the outcome of his war, fair enough since he will have brought. the United States into it.

He pulled American troops out of Somalia, hesitated at the dockside in Haiti and wrestles with North Korea. A setback in Bosnia, or confusion about his goals, will not be the best road to a

second term, or respect in the first.

The Act I bombing of artillery and mortar positions will not knock the Bosnian Serbs out. Act II will follow: air war against Serbia, the patron of Serbs living in Bosnia. That means hitting Serbian bridges, supply roads and airfields, including those in Belgrade.

The United States will be bombing a nation that infuriates the West now. But the same Serbian nation fought Hitler when other Balkan nations licked his boots. How will we then get out of this

Balkan horror? The theory is that Serbia will cave in; given its staggering economy that is possible. Then the

West will impose terms.

The Muslims stand to get about 5 percent more territory than has been offered them now by the Serbs and the Croats - and, incidentally, it may also be necessary to bomb the Croats.

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Maybe the Bosnian Serbs will fight on regardless. Or, as they have before, maybe the Bosnian Muslims will walk away from a partition agreement.

away from a partition agreement.

If bombing of Serbs and Croats does not bring agreement quickly, do we just go on bombing and bombing?

According to the United Nations, the Muslims in the past took military action to provoke Serbian retailation and them. keep the Western intervention abve. If that happens again, would Western stomachs stand bombing Muslim posi-

tions? Where are we going?
Suppose after enough bombing, partition terms are signed. Mr. Clinton says U.S. ground troops will be committed to protect an agreement signed by Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats.

But an agreement pounded into Serbs by foreign bombs will guarantee guerrilla warfare. The United States will be deep in the final act it dreads -American troops on the ground, in a civil war, every side's target. Before Mr. Clinton took office, the

West pushed Bosnian Muslims into a too-early declaration of independence that the Muslims themselves warned would lead to civil war. Then, during his administration, the West and the Bosnian sides diddled to death the Vance-Owen plan, the one chance of building a multiethnic Bosnia.

Now only partition remains. The United States has no strategic reason to get into air or ground war for partition rms. Should we lift the embargo and arm the Muslims? Doesn't anyone care that hundreds of thousands more peo-ple in Bosnia and beyond would then wind up butchered? Prevention of more death is the only legitimate foreign business in Bosnia.

Both the Serbs and the Muslims can stop Western air attacks before they start. But the Muslims see succor in those attacks.

The Serbs also see themselves as victims. But it is they who have inflicted the most pain, gained the most territory and have most to lose by American intervention.

They can help Mr. Clinton avoid war by unilateral military withdrawal from the Sarajevo area and then bargaining more about that 5 percent. There is time left, but very little, before Act I.

Correction: A statement in the Rosenthal cohumn of Jan. 8 that Hungarians were naming plazas for dead fascists is incorrect. The New York Times.

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### 'He Did the Right Things — And Look What Happened'

N EW YORK — I first heard of Evans Jean some months ago when his teacher, a woman named Ellic Weiss, showed me his autobiography. Evans was a senior at an alternative high school in Brooklyn, the Bushwick Outreach Center, and he had the pecu-

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liar idea that he could escape the rampant evils of the inner city by working hard and getting an education. He wanted to be a nurse.

The autobiography was a class assignment. Evans wrote, "I must and I will be successful in college to keep myself from becoming a statistic in a world that does not care." He added, "I have to accomplish my career goals in order to achieve my personal goals, which are to first prove to myself I am worth something."

To get a sense of Evans's daily envi-ronment, imagine streets full of fear; the sound of gunfire is heard every night. An

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By Bob Herbert

untoward glance, the merest slight, can result in murder.
Evans wanted to be a nurse because. as he saw it, "There's too many people trying to take a life out here and I want

to be on the other side."

The bullet that killed Evans arrived on a Sunday night. Evans was at his girlfriend's house when her ex-boyfriend showed up. As far as we know, there was no argument. There was no fight. But the ex-boyfriend drew his gun and ordered Evans, who was not armed, to lie on the floor. Evans complied. The authorities said the ex-boyfriend then leaned over and fired a bullet into Evans's head.

On Thursday, about 150 of his schoolmates were brought together in an as-sembly of grief that is now commonplace in inner-city schools. The students wept and they spoke out bitterly and in tones of despair. Evans had been excep-tionally popular and was widely admired for his determination to avoid trouble, to work hard and to help others. 'What's the use?" asked one student. "Evans did the right thing and look what happened to him."

Evans was the second Bushwick Outreach student to be slain in a month. When a teacher at the assembly asked how many of the students had friends who had been killed, nearly all of them

raised their hands. There was no consoling the stunned and grieving youngsters at Bushwick Outreach. The kids know the real deal. They know that they are unprotected, that all the tough talk, all the bogus promises of safety and security uttered

so promiscuously by adults will not save them when the bullet comes. Even as the students wept at Bushwick Outreach, other youngsters testified and wept at a congressional hearing in Washington, telling their representatives that they had seen murder and other horrors and that they were afraid the same would happen to them.

The children are crying out, but it's not clear that anyone can hear them. Fourteen-year-old Alicia Brown of Washington told the hearing how she had witnessed the murder of a close friend: "I saw Hank lying on the ground. He wasn't dead yet, but he was ying there, twitching. It was a terrible thing, terrible to see someone you know. someone who used to make you laugh, lying there, dying right in front of you." We talk but we don't do much. These

are just ordinary kids with no political influence and no money - no real claim to the nation's concern.

On Thursday afternoon Ellie Weiss showed me a video that her class had made. Evans Jean was in it. Tall and angular, he looked into the camera and said fervently that the best thing that had happened to him in 1993 was making it through the summer alive.

He added, "To all my homeboys that

didn't make it. I'll be seeing you. The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saving Half of Korea

Regarding "Korea: Long-Ago Ap-peasement Narrows the Options Today" (Opinion, Jan. 22) by A. M. Rosenthal:

Mr. Rosenthal charges that after the Japanese defeat in 1945, the United States turned over half of the Korean Peninsula to Stalin. I disagree, as do many historians and intelligence experts. From 1945 to 1950 I worked in China, Manchuria, Korea and Japan for the United States and the United Nations. From this perspective, I saw quite a different geopolitical scenario unfolding: In 1945, America saved half of Korea from being swallowed up by Stalin.

The Soviet Union entered the Pacific war very late in the game, during the last dying days of the imperial Japanese war effort. Soviet troops quickly swept down from Siberia, into Manchuria (Manchukuo) and into Korea. American troops consolidating victory could not be ferried to Korea swiftly enough from Japan or Pacific bases to exert any real, on-the-ground influence on their World War II ies. All of North Korea was in Soviet hands almost overnight, and Russian officers were checking in at Seoul hotels,

studying maps showing the area around Pusan, at Korea's southern tip. In a shrewd if desperate gambit, the Truman administration persuaded Stalin to halt his southward drive and agree on the 38th Parallel as an interim demarcation line: Soviet troops would accept the surrender of Japanese troops north of that latitude and American troops would move in to repatriate Japanese Without that initial agreement, Stalin's troops in 1945 would not have halt-The Problem With Gags ed their drive short of Pusan. Regarding the report "A Wave of Gags on Free Speech Unsettles Canadians" (Feb. 1) by Charles Trueheart:

RICHARD PATRICK WILSON. Mobile, Alabama.

### Security, Then Peace

Regarding "One Word at a Time" (Opinion, Jan. 19):

The editorial on the Israeli-Syrian negotiations rightly refers to Israeli doubts about the wisdom of making any kind of peace with a cruel, dictatorial regime." President Bill Clinton tried to put a veneer of hope on the Jan. 16 marks in Geneva by Hafez Assad, the Syrian dictator. Israeli authorities were too polite to object, since Mr. Clinton had invested so much political capital in this encounter.

Is there an alternative to the woeful concept of "land for peace" - one not based on intangibles and wishful thinking? There is, and it is called "land for security" - no peace treaty, but security arrangements which, if violated, would be immediate cause for war. This would entail return of the Golain Heights in stages over 10 years, but with demilitarization of the area between the Golan and the outskirts of Damascus: hightech defensive measures to make any quick remilitarization of the area impossible; and evacuation of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Peace will come later, when there is a semblance of democratic government in Syria, responsive to its people's needs. ART STONE. Herndon, Virginia.

A common, and frightening, characteristic of the first two laws is their ambiguity and the subjectiveness de-manded in enforcing them: Essentially,

it degrading or offensive.

This article does not do justice to Ca-

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At the provincial level, British Colum-

bia passed a law in 1992 against any

speech that "might tend to discriminate

or lead to discrimination" against an indi-

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sexuality, etc. It was said that the law was

aimed specifically at a conservative Van-

Asian immigration to the city.

couver journalist who often wrote against

In Ontario, a convenience store owner

was charged in 1992 for stocking Play-boy magazine, which he kept behind the

counter with the cover hidden. Two

women charged that the magazine "de-

graded and offended women." They

held that even if it could not be seen or

opened, its presence in the store made

shopping there an oppressive experience and thus violated their civil rights. The

two intended to speak for all women,

although the women who had freely posed for the magazine had not thought

#### nadians' respect for free speech. The au-thor fails to describe the case of the neo-CHRISTOPHER HOUSTON. Nazi Ernst Zundel of Toronto who, for handing out pamphlets in which the Ho-

1991 under a federal law against "the willful spreading of false news." If that law were applied evenly, how many newspapers would still be in business? Regarding "Gerry Adams: Optimisti-cally Into the Irish Dark" (Opinion, Feb. 2) by Edna O'Brien:

The Ulster Question

Edna O'Brien is wrong. The issue is not whether Northern Ireland should remain part of the United Kingdom. It is whether the status of the province should be decided by the will of its people (which is the declared position of the British and Irish governments) or by force (which is the position of the paramilitaries on both sides).

Would Ms. O'Brien care to consider how she would react if Britain admitted to its shores, and gave vast media publicity to, the head of an organization claiming to represent the Hispanics of California, "oppressed" by the English-speaking population "planted" there in the last century and a half, and pursuing the "reunification" of Mexico by murderous violence both in California and across the United States, despite the declared opposition of the elected Mexican government to any territorial revision except by the consent of the popu-

ALAN SOMMERSTEIN. Nottingham, England.

## PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY HONG KONG

### SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS - BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK

Over the past two years the Authority has drawn up a list of contractors interested in undertaking construction works for Hong Kong's new airport.

An enquiry document was sent to those who had previously saed interest, to members of the Hong Kong Construction Association, and to overseas contractors (chiefly through Consulsies based in Hong Kong and Trade Offices). The Authority has used the information gathered to generate a re categorising the various companies.

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The Authority is currently updating these lists and invites those interested but not listed above to apply in writing for a "Prequalification Questionnaire" by Monday, 28 February, 1994, 5 pm (Hong Kong time). Theresiter the Authority will update its lists annually. Those interested should apply to:-

The Project Director Provisional Airport Authority Hone Kone 25th Floor, Central Plaza 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai Hong Kong For the attention of Ms Stella Fok Fax No : (852) 802 8231 Tel No : (852) 824 7724

From the list currently available the following ors have been selected to Bid for the works listed below.

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Dragages et Travaux Publics (Hong Kong) Ltd. Universal Dockyard Limited McConnell Dowell Constructors Ltd.

Contract 940 - Rock Crushing Facilities Nishimatsu Construction Company Limited Company, Limited
China Fujian - Downer - McAlpine Joint Venture Asia Stone Company, Limited Redland Concrete Ltd.

In addition, separate lists will be compiled and published in due course for electrical and mechanical contractors, suppliers, minor works and specialist avatems contractors.

Pioneer Quarties (HK) Ltd.



### MP's Death Is More Bad News for Major

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON - Prime Minister John Major's government faced more problems on Tuesday after revelations that a promising Conservative member of Parliament had been found dead under mysterious circumstances.

The death of Stephen Milligan, 45, who was well known from a career in journalism and had been regarded as a politician with a future since his election in 1992, consumed the front pages

of British newspapers.

He was found dead Monday in the kitchen of his West London flat, naked except for women's stockings and a garter belt. There were reports that he had a plastic bag over his head and a cord around his neck. Pending official results of an autopsy, the police could not rule it a suicide, a murder or an accidental death during autoerotic sex or sex with a partner.

The case promises to embarrass the Tories and hurt them politically, coming only a month after scandals in the private lives of ministers and other government figures.

The stream of lurid headlines about ministers' having affairs and fathering children out of wedlock has made a mockery of Mr. Major's attempts to get his party back on the tracks by a campaign he calls "back to basics."

This was intended as a battle cry for a return to family values, a strengthening of basic edu-cation and high standards of public service.

With scandals bursting to the left and right, Conservative leaders now argue that "back to basics" was never intended as a statement of moral rectitude.

Leaders in the opposition Labor Party seemed too shocked and saddened by Mr. Milligan's death to make an unseemly effort to turn it into political advantage.

The prime minister has sunk to the bottom in the polls, with the latest showing Labor ahead by 20 points. The parties are facing local elecions May 5 and then elections to the European Parliament June 9. A bad showing in both would undoubtedly prompt a challenge to Mr. Major's leadership, politicians on both sides

Mr. Milligan, as an Oxford graduate and former journalist who had worked as a reporter and editor for The Economist, as the Washington correspondent and foreign editor for The Sunday Times and as a broadcaster for the BBC, was a member of Britain's inner circle.

A bachelor, he was hard-working and serious. In a move that usually portends a cabinet post, he had been appointed parliamentary private secretary to the arms procurement minister, Jonathan Aitken, in the ministry of defense. Government officials insisted privately that

Mr. Milligan did not have access to classified information in the ministry. This reassurance seemed designed to head off comparisons to the

1960's scandal centering on Defense Minister John Profumo, who was forced to resign after denying a liaison with a prostitute whose clients included a Soviet defense attaché.

Mr. Milligan's death reduces the Conservative majority in the House of Commons to 18, with three by-elections for vacant seats to be beld sometime in the coming months. Two of Rail Service beld sometime in the coming monages to the seats are in districts that usually go to Millioan's in Eastleigh in Hampshire, which he won by 17,702 votes.

The scandals that have dogged Mr. Major began after Christmas when the environment minister, Tim Yeo, who is married, was forced to admit that he had fathered a child by a Tory town councilor. In January, he was forced to resign by a constituents group.

It then emerged that years ago as a 22-year-old student he had also fathered an illegitimate

Some days later, a member of Parliament from northwest Leicestershire, David Ashby, was said in a newspaper report to have shared a bed with a man during a trip to France. He denied in engaging in a homosexual affair.

Then in January the wife of Lord Caithness. who is transport minister, committed suicide. Her parents asserted that she had been despondent over the Christmas holidays because her husband was in love with another woman. Lord

## A New Snag Delays Start Of Channel

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — In a move that is becoming almost habitual, Euronumel announced another delay Tuesday in the start-up of its rail service beneath the English Chan-

The company has neatly substituted a question mark in schedules that had shown freight service beginning on March 7 and a passen-

ger shuttle on May 9. Unaffected by the delay will be the formal opening of the tunnel, scheduled for May 8, with Queen Elizabeth II and President François Mitterrand in attendance, Eurotunnel officials would not commit themselves Tuesday to a date for the start of train service.

They said only that freight ser-vice should now begin sometime before the official opening. The service destined to hurtle passengers and their cars through the 31-mile (50-kilometer) tunnel in 35 minutes is to be delayed by a few days rather than weeks, they added. The through-passenger service connecting London to Paris and

Brussels is not affected by the latest delays, but no official date for the start of that service has ever been set beyond "late summer."

A spokeswoman for Eurotunnel, Allyson Andrews, blamed delays in testing the system's fleet of locomo-

"We would rather make sure that we have a safe, reliable service," she said, "than open early and encounter glitches."

She also insisted that the socalled "blue bottom" problem had nothing to do with the delays announced Tuesday. British naners reported recently that some of the trains operating in the tunnel had encountered difficulties with toilets that erupted when flushed, spewing

Those are on the Eurostar trains," she said, referring to the passenger-only trains now being

Analysts who follow Eurotunnel predicted that the latest delays would have little effect on the com-"The impact on revenues will be

very, very marginal," predicted Pierre Bosset, an analyst with James Capel in Paris. "It will have an impact on sentiment though." Eurotunnel shares lost more than I percent of their value in trading on Tuesday. Mr. Bosset and others noted that investors were dismayed, given that less than a month ago Le Shuttle had set its opening for May 9.

The big question for Eurotunnel will be the length of the delay. The planned May 9 start-up was two months ahead of the peak summer travel period, so the revenue loss of a few days' will not be great, analysts said. But delays of weeks could put a substantial crimp in

#### **JOBS:** A German Record

Continued from Page 1 recovery, but the jobless rate, being a lagging indicator, will continue to rise well into 1995," he said.

Uwe Jens, the economic affairs spokesman for the opposition So-

cial Democratic Party, called the absence of new employment op-portunities proof of the economic incompetence of the governing conservative-liberal coalition in Bonn, which has held sway for the last 12 years. Over all, 4,029,483 people were

officially counted as jobless in January, including 2,736,060 in Western Germany and 1,293,423 in the five states of former East Germany. Including people looking for work independent of the state-controlled Labor Office, the real overall German unemployment figure is easily more than 5.5 million, putting a strain on the country's social fabric and public budgets.

German companies have been laying off tens of thousands of workers as a result of the worst recession in postwar German history in a desperate attempt to become more cost-efficient in an increasingly competitive global market. German wages and benefits are among the world's most generous.

The latest jobless report came amid signs of increasing nervousness in German industry, including a warning that 19,000 small and medium-sized companies would go bankrupt this year, 3,500 more than a year ago.

Mr. Tran said that a wave of layoffs was typical of the early stages of a national economic restructuring and that Germany appeared to be repeating the pattern seen in the United States over the lasi lew years.

"If a cyclical recovery is in place in 1995, we should not exclude new hiring by companies that have cut their labor forces in the recession. he said. "Job cuts come fast in the first phase of restructuring but hiring can rise in later phases."

He predicted that most of those new jobs would come in the service sector, however, indicating that displacements are likely to continue for quite some time because the German labor market is much less flexible than that in the United



Sarajevo residents running for cover Tuesday at an intersection that came under heavy suiper fire.

bian positions after air strikes, capitalizing on damage to their foes.

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win at the negotiating table.

"The Bosnian government army

### CRANES: 'Running Out of Time' SUDAN: Army Sweeps Rebel Area

simulate the mother leaving her warm nest in the brisk Siberian

The crane chicks, Bugle and White, were released with their wild cousins in Siberia, but apparantly did not have enough time to bond with adult birds and refused to fly south to India last winter.

This year, Bugle and White, along with four other chicks — Gorby and Boris, hatched in Wisconsin, and Billy and Bushy, raised in a Moscow preserve --- were flown to the Indian sanctuary here at Bharatpur. For the first time, scientists were going to try to integrate incubator chicks with adults at wintering grounds rather than breeding grounds. Although the procedure was considered risky, scientists hoped the six young birds would be adopted by the wild Sibes, who would then teach them the route over the world's highest mountain range to Siberia.

"Anything is worth trying," said Belinda Wright, a naturalist and filmmaker participating in the crane watch at Bharatour.

But teaching artificially incubated birds that they are cranes has about their habits.

grow up being fed by humans, they will not mate with other cranes,"
Ms. Richter said. "They solicit peo-

ple for mating." In an effort to avoid confusing the young Sibes, the crane's care-takers dish out daily rations of crane chow and plant tubers while wearing a bird costume - a crude rendition of "Sesame Street's" Big Bird. Park rangers guard the se-cluded cages from a distance, keeping curious humans from venturing within visual range.

In another experiment using new technology, scientists planned to attach small electronic transmitters to the Bharatpur chicks so their flight patterns could be monitored by satellite. Experiments last year on the more plentiful common crane, which also breeds in Siberia, were not very successful.

The signals disappeared after a few weeks, an indication the batteries had failed, but one transmitter inexplicably began working months later with signals indicating the crane had moved to the border of Iran and Afghanistan.

Despite years of studying Siberian cranes, scientists still know little

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Continued from Page 1 Relief officials and diplomats go." Rener officials and upromotion familiar with the annual rhythms of this long, grinding war said the current offensive appeared to be far larger than in the past. The government has been reinforcing its garrisons at Juba, Wau and Torit by plane, train and barge, sources said, and now seems to be attacking

on several fronts at once. Various relief sources suggested that the Sudanese government, facing an economic crisis, might be trying either to win the war out-- an outcome that seems unlikely --- or to force more concessions by the rebels at the negotiat-

Mr. Evans said he believed the government intended "to go for broke" in this offensive. "This war is bleeding the country dry," he said. "The Northerners are in a fairly dreadful position. The government is pouring millions of dollars down the drain. A lot of families are losing relatives."

Ms. Burnheim, whose agency op-

erates on both sides in the conflict. said she had seen reports from Khartoum suggesting that the aim was "to break the SPLA." The government also appears to

be trying to take advantage of a two-year-old split within the rebel movement, caused when two of its senior guerrilla officers broke rank with its too leader, John Garang, Another faction later broke away, and, in recent years, the rebels have spent as much time battling each another as the government.
Richard Venegoni, director of

relief operations for the relief agency World Vision, said the government had begun its offensive from a stronger position than in the past. It now controls more towns in the region, including Bor and Wan, where in previous years it had to operate mainly from Juba.

The government is "chewing away more and more," he said. ve got, in theory, two more months before it starts to rain." Even if the government captured Nimule, he added, the rebels could still use back roads to receive sup-

"It's a huge border," Mr. Akol said. "There is no chance whatsoever that they can seal it off." According to Mr. Evans, "Neither side can win this thing militarily." But he added that the current push seemed to be General Bashir's "attempt to do just that."

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### Taking Out Serbs' Mobile Weapons: A Headache for NATO Warplanes ermment soldiers would storm Ser-bian positions after air strikes, cap-Charles Dick, director of Britain's

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Western warplanes would have trouble taking out all the Serbian heavy weapons around Saraje-vo, a senior officer with the United Nations forces said Tuesday.

The officer said UN showed that the Serbs had about 300 artillery pieces within range of the Bosnian capital, meaning 30 kilometers (18 miles), and that most of the weapons were stationed southeast of Sarajevo.

The figure includes cannon thich are in fixed positions, and mobile mortars.

The officer said that although warplanes from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be able to zero in on the big guns, it would be difficult to pinpoint the mortars. "A moriar consists of a simple tube on a 60-kilogram metal plate,

and all you need is two men and a pickup truck," he said.

He added that in addition to the mortars, the Serbs besieging the city also had multiple and the said.

"It would be piecemeal stuff, a hill here or there, or a few hindred yards," Mr. Beaver said, "but they

can't give up afterwards because they will come back and recapture

their positions." A NATO military source in Brussels said that ground troops and weapons would be needed to secure the hills but that the 16-member alliance had not planned

for that eventuality. Other analysts said Bosnian gover with air strikes you will begin to neighboring Bosnia.

city also had multiple rocket are not strong enough to break the launchers that are mobile and pow-siege, even with air strikes." Analysts say the Bosnian go

"Lifting a siege and using only air strikes is possible, but one must destroy everything," the officer said. "If we launch air strikes, we

The Bosman government army says it has large numbers of men but very little of the heavy artillery it needs to support assaults. UN sources say the Bosnian Serbian side had many fewer men but a The Croatian government faces

The Serbian response to Muslim gains, won with the help of NATO air power, will be unequivocal, he said. I find it very hard to believe er of Jane's Defense Weekly. "It is a major consideration for Western

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the Serbs would not respond by attacking UN troops," he said.
To stop the Serbs from justifiably accusing UN troops of partisanshin, air strikes would have to be part of a carefully planned series of military measures that would prevent the Bosnian government from advancing, analysis say.

"There needs to be an 'orches trated package of NATO mea-sures," Mr. Beaver said. "There would have to be an ultimatum to both sides. The Bosman government would have to agree to hold a line while the Serbs agree to pull back their gons." (AFP, Reulers)

#### Bosnian Croat Leader **Ouits Under Pressure**

ZAGREB, Croatia -- Mate Boban, the hard-line nationalist leader of the Bosnian Croats, resigned Thesday, apparently a casualty of growing international pressure on his political backers in Croana.

The resignation was immediately praised as "wise and honorable" by large number of heavy weapons.

"If you cancel out their firepowsupport for Croats fighting in

### CLINTON: Decision Time at Hand for White House

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detect a shift in the wind, and is it strong enough? Does he think the cause is worth spending some of his

precious political capital? Does this man who won the pres idency by promising to concentrate on problems at home dare roll the dice abroad just when the most

important initiative of his presidency, health-care reform, needs all the time and effort he can lavish on it? Clearly, there are risks. American pilots might be shot down and captured and tortured, for exam-

ple, which might lead to calls for a wider American role. Richard Johnson, the former head of the State Department's Yugoslav desk, recently quoted one of his bosses, Undersecretary of State Peter TarnoII, as saying that intervention in Bosnia "would destroy the American presidency."

The Vietnam War is a vivid and recent example of what inept and unwise military adventures can do to presidents, if not the presidency. But it is also true that presidents can turn public opinion, if their

President George Bush did it in the months before the war in the Gulf, and Mr. Clinton did it, rather belatedly, on the North American Free Trade Agreement Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana, and Morton L.

Abramowitz, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both say they think the mo-ment for boldness has come on the strife in the Balkans. "The United States," said Mr.

Abramowitz, a retired Foreign Service officer, "has to decide whether it is going to continue to be a pseu-do-moralizer or lead the West in resolving one of the most profound political and moral crises of our

Mr. Lagar, the leading Republi-can spokesman on foreign affairs in Congress, said: "They have been hoping that Bosnia would go away,

timing is right, their purposes are must take a leadership role he clear, and their concentration is indoesn't want, that he's uncomfortable with, that's tisky, because he's the only person in the world who can do it."

For its part, the administration has spent this week sounding anything but bold. The problem, Mr. Clinton said, was the allies, who do not want air strikes because such action might prompt retaliation against their troops on the ground. The problem, a White House offi-cial said, can be solved only through renewed negotiations. The problem, a State Department offi-cial said, is that no one can prove that the Serbians fired the mortar round that hit the marketplace.

But it may be that some limited action is imminent. The British have been the leading European focs of air strikes, along with the Russians. But a senior Bruish official said his government, the other Europeans and the United States "are trying to work something out, for real, by Wednesday."

disappear from the front pages and the TV news. But surely the president knows now that it won't. He great, but that of dismity greater."

### ALLIES: NATO Seems Set to Issue Deadline on Siege

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In particular, Britain, whose attitude to military action has been

persistently cautious and remains so, seems to have moved to a position where it will not stand in the way of air strikes if an ultimatum to the Serbs goes unheeded. "The balance of risk and rewards

has shifted," Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Tuesday. Specifically, NATO, while issu-

ing yet another appeal to the belliperents to make peace, looks set to approve a recent request by the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, for permission to launch air strikes against artillery and mortar NATO diplomat said. positions in and around Sarajevo. At the same time, a deadline for the withdrawal of those emplacements and the handover of heavy weap-

ons to UN troops would be set.

al, Manfred Worner, asked for a French for the Clinton administramandate to attack artillery posi-tions found to have fired on civilians, saying his current mandate only allowed the use of force in the event that UN peacekeeping troops

are endangered.
The U.S. secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, said Monday that Washington would support Mr. Butros Ghah's request. It appeared that the United

States and France, long at odds over what to do about Bosnia, have found common ground and have given a decisive push to NATO planning that has been plagued for over a year by dithering.

"What has emerged is Franco-American joint leadership," the being broadened into a consensus

He added that partnership was in the 16-nation alliance.

Last month, the United States and France clashed over what

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tion to put pressure on the Bosnian Muslims to accept a peace settlement based on the division of Besnia along ethnic lines.

But a combination of mutual

outrage in Paris and Washington over the mortar attack Saturday and a growing conviction that only concerted action by the Western allies will keep the war from getting worse seemed to have led to a vigorous reconciliation.

The effect of a NATO ultimatum would be to put unprecedented pressure on the three warring factions -- the Muslim-led Bosnians, the Croats and the Serbs - to reach some kind of agreement, at least over the demilitarization of Sarajevo, when they meet in Gene-

va on Thursday to resume talks. David Owen, the Enropean me-diator, said this week that he had secured an agreement from the Bosnian Serbs to demilitarize Sara-Mr. Butros Ghali, in a letter Sun- Washington described as requests jevo. But it was far from certain day to the NATO secretary gener- of dubious morality from the that they would keep that pledge.

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The Beatles's 1964 trip was a whirlwind of hype and hysieria, a tribute to the Mersey beat and modern press agentry.

## It Was 30 Years Ago Today, in N.Y.

By Peter Marks New York Times Service

EW YORK - On a cold February afternoon in 1964, Linda Plotni-koff, a lovesick 12-year-old from Sheepshead Bay, got her first glimpse of the mop-topped men of her dreams. She had been standing for hours outside the Plaza Hotel, clutching a record album and waiting eagerly for the opportunity to be transformed into a shaking, sobbing mess.

And then, suddenly, in a window high in the hotel, the curtains parted. The Beatles were looking down at the crowd! Pandemonium in the streets! Dozens of police officers had to restrain the hundreds of John-Paul-George-

restrain the hundreds of John-Paul-George-and-Ringo-crazed teenage girls who tried to rush the doors of the hotel to get at their idols. "They came to the window," recalled Linda Plotnikoff, now Linda Reig, 42, of Cooper City, Florida. "We were screaming and screaming. Just screaming and singing: "We love the Bea-ties!" I was dying for anything, screaming, sing-ing, just dying for anything from them. I just wanted to, like, touch them and say hello to Paul."

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Thirty years ago a quartet of cocky young men with thick Liverpudlian accents and neatly eropped hair that brushed their ears descended on New York City, confounding parents, per-plexing pundits and, like Frankie and Elvis before them, turning schoolgirls into jelly. It was the Beatles' first visit to the United

States, and neither they nor America emerged from it the same. Their trip was a whirlwind of hype and hysteria, a tribute both to the appeal of the Mersey beat and the wonders of modern press agentry.

The Beatles, it seems, made their mark on all who came into contact with them. From the teenagers who longed to touch them, to the bertenders who served them drinks, to the comics on "The Ed Sullivan Show" whose burden it

"Every door, every alley, all over the kitchen, and publicity people, many adults had a there was security," said George Papadakis, a notion, if any, of who the Beatles were. bartender then and now at the Piaza, who so vividly remembers his encounter with the Bea-

can pop culture that the tape of the Beatles' first appearance on "The Ed Sukivan Show" on Feb. 9, 1964, is one of the most frequently requested in the 60,000-program collection of the Muse-um of Television and Radio in Manhattan.

"It was tremendously significant," said Ron Simon, the museum's curator for television. "The whole idea of the cross-cultural phenomenon, the whole idea of Beatlemania, it all came together here."

The frenzy started the moment the Beatles arrived on Feb. 7 at Kennedy International Airport on a flight from London and did not let until they departed for Washington on Feb. 11. In between, "the boys," as their manager, Brian Epstein, called them, were trapped in what must have seemed like a city of wild-eyed

Bruce Morrow, who as Cousin Brucie was then a disk jockey on WABC and now has a show on WCBS-FM, recalls watching a group of young girls at one stop fling themselves at a cigarette but that Paul McCartney had flicked into the gutter. "Two kids came up with the cigarette, smiling and bleeding," he said.

Joseph Szorentini, a doorman at the hotel for 46 years who was on duty the week the Beatles came to town, said, "I think it was the wildest thing that ever happened at the Plaza." Standing at his post on Central Park South last week. he pointed to a subway entrance across the street from the hotel: to avoid the teenagers who were maintaining a virtual round-the-clock vigil on the Fifth Avenue side of the hotel, he explained, the Beatles were escorted out of the Plaza through an underground tunnel that led to the subway entrance, and a waiting limou-

In a sense, it was a divided city that the Beatles arrived in, for while the transistor-radio generation had been listening to Beatles songs was to follow them, everyone has stories about for months, as part of a feverish promotional that teninulmous week in New York.

campaign by record producers, radio stations campaign by record producers, radio stations and publicity people, many adults had a vagne

ties he can rattle off the drinks he served: tour, said the concert-hall booker was taken

Scotch and ginger ale for John, Scotch and Coke for Ringo. "I'd never heard of Scotch and Coke before."

The visit had such a lasting effect on Ameritary were a string ensemble."

She said to me after the concert, Bernstein, when you said they were four young men, I thought they were a string ensemble."

reflected an older generation's dismissiveness. The New York Times's television critic, Jack Gould, for example, compared the Beatles' hair styles to "the square hairdo used every morning

on television by Captain Kangaroo."

Ray Block, the musical director for "The Ed Sullivan Show," was equally unimpressed. "The only thing that's different is the hair, as far as I can see," he told a reporter.

Ed Sullivan, the newspaper columnist who was host of the nation's most popular television variety show, was said by some to have been unable to grasp the nature of the group's extraordinary popularity. But he was one of the

first to recognize their potential for television.

Walter Cronkite, then anchorman of the

"CBS Evening News," said that some months. before the visit be received a call from Sullivan. a CBS colleague, after the news show broadcast a piece about the group. "The minute I was off the air, Ed was on the phone: How do I get hold of those people? What do you know about them?" "Cronkite said. "I told him everything I knew, which was very little. I said, 'Get in touch with our London bureau. The next thing I knew, they were booked for America."

N estimated 73 million viewers tuned into Sullivan's show that Sunday night, the pivotal event of their American stay. "It was everything," said Charles Rosenay, who heads the Beatles Fan Chib, a New Haven, Connecticut-based organization with a mailing list of 36,000 names. "If they didn't appear on Sullivan, I don't think the world would have been swept up

Linda Plotnikoff became such a devotee she ngled a job as a secretary at Apple Records Manhattan, the Beatles' record label, just to be close to the Fab Four. Eventually she left, married Arnold Reig, moved to Florida and had children. But one goal has cluded the girl who stood in the cold outside the Plaza. She has Sid Bernstein, the promoter who booked the never met McCartney. "Just to hear Paul Beatles into Carnegie Hall during that first breathing in the same room," she said, "would

### Valenti to Star at Berlin Festival

By Ann Brocklehurst

ERLIN - It is a sign of the times that the Berlin film festival's most eagerly awaited guest is a businessman and not a movie star. Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and the U.S. movie industry's main lobbyist, is coming to Berlin to discuss the distinctly unglamorous topic of life after GATT.

Valenti, a man seen by many European filmmakers as Hollywood's biggest villain, has not talked in detail on the subject since the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade deal was struck late last year. Under pressure from France and against the wishes of the United States, negotiators exempted movies and audiovisual products from the agreement, leaving questions about quotas, subsidies and freer market access to be decided later.

The Berlin festival, which begins Thursday, is the first major meeting of the international movie community since the GATT deal. Along with Valenti, European filmmakers will be airing their views on how they think the European film market should develop to avoid being wiped out at the box office by U.S. blockbusters.

But the festival's manager, Moritz de Hadeln, is careful to point out: "The festival has nothing to do with GATT. We're just giving it a podium. The main business of the festival is showing 250 films in 12 days to 8,000 registered partici-pants, including 2,000 journalists. Despite the obvious climatic disadvantages of Berlin in February, the festival is now ranked with Cannes and Venice as one of the top three lestivals worldwide.

"We have a pretty good bunch of European films added to the best America could offer us at this time," de Hadeln said, "except for Schindler's List." Although the Berlin festival was eager to show Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed movie about the Holocaust, the di rector did not want it released in a festival

The history of the Berlin film festival has, according to de Hadeln, always been tied to the history of West Berlin. Originally started by the British and American administrations as a way to promote democracy in postwar Germany. the festival later took on a bridging role be-tween East and West and became known for its strong selection of films from Eastern Europe. Some of the first Soviet films of the glasnost era had their international premieres in Berlin.

While films from the former East bloc have since developed a reputation for being rather relentlessly depressing and no longer excite the attention they did a few years back, they contin-

ue to be an important component of the festival. Movies from and about the former Soviet Union are featured this year in a section titled "Lookin' East," which includes "Eduard She-

and "The Total Balalaika Show" by Aki Kaurismaki of Finland, a concert film starring the Leningrad Cowboys and the choir and orchestra of the former Red Army.

"The Year of the Dog," a Russian movie directed by Semjon Aranowitsch and described as socially critical cinema, is entered in the

vardnadze," a Latvian documentary about the

Georgian politician directed by Ivars Seleckis,

official competition for the festival's top prize.

S the hosts of the festival, the Germans devote a section to new German cinema. And this year they also have three films in the main competition. Two of the movies — "The Blue One" by Lienhard Wawrzyn and "Farewell to Agnes" by Michael Gwisdek — deal with how the country must continue to come to terms with the legacy of the Stasi, the former East German

In a similarly uncheerful vein, the competi-tion is featuring Jim Sheridan's "In the Name of the Father." a controversial production based on the story of the Guildford Four about a man sent to prison for a crime he did not commit, and Jonathan Demme's "Philadelphia," about a lawyer with AIDS who fights unsuccessfully to save his job at a legal firm.

Ann Brocklehurst is a journalist based in Berlin.

### Some of the newspaper coverage of the visit effected an older generation's dismissiveness. 'Dead Funny': Very Funny Indeed the New York Times's television critic, Jack

By Sheridan Morley rnational Herald Tribuni

ONDON - The best news of the week is the arrival at the Hampstead of the comedy of the decade thus far. Terry Johnson is hitherto best known for the surrealist meetings of unlikely celebrity pairs: Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein in the "Insignificance" that made his name, and Dali and Freud in "Hysteria" last year. Now in "Dead Funny" he tackles the nature of comedy, in what is essentially Albee's "Virginia Woolf" released amid several vaude-

The setting is an Islington flat over the week-end in 1992 when both Benny Hill and Frankie Howerd were found dead. The owner is a doctor who specializes in hysterectomies, and who can't bear to touch his wife. Their neighbors include a mother-obsessed gay and a sexually challenged couple with one of whom the doctor has had a brief and regrettable affair.

But all except the doctor's wife are founder members of a Dead Funny Society, which specializes in recalling the apparel and acts of deceased comedians, and so we have here nothing less than a living-room farce in the course of which we also get a running analysis of the nature of comedy. This is a breathtaking comic achievement, not only for Johnson but for Zoë Wanamaker, David Haig, Niall Buggy, Beatie Edney and Danny Webb as the entire cast of the author's own production. The best-acted, bestdirected, best-written comedy in town is also a bitterly brilliant analysis of dead marriages and people who would rather die for a laugh than live for a relationship. It is at once heartbreaking and rib-tickling, and you can't ask a lot more.

Amid lives of fortysomething North London despair, Johnson has found desperately unfunny people dying for a laugh to cover up their own lack of communication. As one husband ruefully notes, "We've dozens of common interests, or at least I have."

These are people who arrive at parties in drag carrying rubber chickens because that's what the heroes of their favorite comic routines always did, and what Johnson shows us is that the

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loudest laughter comes out of the worst pain. It is not a new discovery, but Johnson's treatment of it as author and director is unmissable and

By contrast, John Godber's "April in Paris" (at the Ambassadors) is very thin, a 30-minute sitcom masquerading as a full-length comedy. A married couple (Maria Friedman and Gary Olsen) win a weekend trip to France and along the way get a life. Their escape from Hull closely resembles the liberation of Willy Russell's "Shirley Valentine," and they too discover that whereas local British life is always in black and white, the continentals live in color, a discovery much aided by Robert Jones's set, which bursts into bloom during the intermis-

The usual Brits-in-Paris jokes are looking a little tired, and it is left to a valiant couple of star turns to hide the fragility of their material. Like Terry Johnson, Godber directs his own script. only he has given himself a lot less to work with "April in Paris" is scarcely worth the fare. And finally two solo turns of sharply different character.

At the Albery, "Eddie Izzard" is a show by a comedian specializing in a series of comic riffs, during which he will set off on a theme, be it parodies of old "Star Trek" episodes or laments for laundry, and see how far he can develop it before either he or the audience tires of the trip.

The problem is that it's an essentially undernocratic process. If there were some means whereby we in the audience could indicate that the avenue is unlikely to develop into one of any real interest, we could save Izzard several dead ends. As it is, only when the laughter dries up altogether does he change direction, by which time it is very often too late, except of course for his many clubnight fans. This is not however the kind of show that suggest that the West End theater is in a particularly healthy state. It belongs in some sort of nightclub at best.

On the other hand, Christopher Luscombe's "Half Time" (late nights at the Donmar Ware-house) is a brilliantly scripted and thought-through monologue in which Luscombe plays essentially a version of himself, a none too prominent actor who, rather to his own surprise, is asked to provide the entertainment for an oldboys reunion supper at his Cambridge college.

Luscombe then gives us the college porter, the principal's intolerable wife, a sad misfit and various other onlookers before offering the entertainment itself, reflections in a dressingroom mirror that are equally perceptive and scathing about the backstage life. An altogether exemplary show that could and should travel.

### The Film Career of William Wellman

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

ARIS - The Cinémathème Francaise is showing until Feb. 27 an expansive list of the movies of the American director William Well-

As a youngster, Wellman was infatuated by aviation and became a filer. When World War I broke out, he enlisted in the French Foreign Legion as an ambulance driver, and on the entrance of the United States into the fray, he switched to the Lafayette Escadrille as a pilot. He was wounded and received the

went to Hollywood, making his debut as an actor and scenarist. He was promoted to director, and one of his first light comedies, "The Cat's Pyjamas," had charm and humor, but he was eager for stronger stuff. He received it when he was appointed to take on the silent

movie "Wings," a spectacle of war in the air. "Wings" won the first Oscar for best picture, being voted the best film of 1927-28. Its script is simple and naive, recounting the story of two young U.S. ainmen in France downing the Kaiser's aces, but the sky scenes

Wellman gets high marks for many films. One is "Beggars of Life," based on Jim Tul-

ly's autobiography of his hobo roaming. Louise Brooks, disguised as a boy to escape the police, gives one of her finest performances.

"The Public Enemy," Wellman's early talkie with its candid account of the life of a gangster killer, shocked moviegoers and the censors. It made the reputation of James Cagney, and the scene in which he crushes a grape ruit in his girlfriend's face is surely one of the most memorable in screen history.

Many of Wellman's colleagues undertook ents beyond their capacities and suffered for their misjudgments. But Wellman was a wise man: He knew what he could do and he did it with great skill and professional-ism —and avoided things outside his territory.

### He wrote a book of his experiences and then

### **BOOKS**

A VERY PRIVATE PLOT By William F. Buckley Jr. 272 pages. \$20. Morrow.

Reviewed by David Nicholson

AYBE it's time for William F. Buckley Jr. to retire Blackford Oakes. Almost 70, the hero of Backley's series of spy novels has left the CIA and been eligible for social security for nearly five years. He has won his battle against the Evil Empire of the Soviet Union. What else is there for him to do?

The point is that Buckley faces the same problem faced by other writers who depended on the conflicts of the Cold War to create the murky, ambiguous worlds of their spy fiction. Events have overtaken them. And now that the Soviet Communist regime has been over-thrown, and Russia lurches fufully toward democracy, who is the casmy? Buckley's not entirely successful solution in "A Very Private Plot" is to go both forward and backward in time.

The novel opens in 1995 with the liberal Democratic Senator Hugh Blanton preparing to submit legislation to end covert action by U.S. agencies, as well as a resolution to open all Cold War records. Not surprisingly. Oakes believes covert action necessary and considers Blanton "a fanatic." "I'm not sure I could tell a priest everything I've done - for God and country. Oakes says. Though in most cases - not every case - I'd probably

do it again.' Blanton wants to compel Oakes to testify about CIA covert activity before a Senate committee. And to Oakes's susprise, Blanton seems to know about Cyclops, the CIA's involvement with a group of young Russians who plotted to assassmate

Gorbachev during the mid-1980s. If able dolt who sees the world in be can confirm the details of Cyclops, Blanton intends to tell the world about it, using it as an example of irresponsible CIA activity that could have led to nuclear war.

At that point in the novel the reader knows as little about Cyclops as Blanton does, and so the bulk of "A Very Private Plot" goes back in time to 1968 (where we meet the young Nikolai Trimov, eventual leader of the plot) and to the mid-'80s (where Trimov, now a disillusioned veteran of the war in Afghanistan, falls in with a group of young ns who believe communism's idealistic origins have been betrayed by self-serving bureaucrats).

When Oakes learns of the plot to kill Gorbachev, he tells President Reagan, depicted here as an ami-

than not, shrewdly right in his choice of cinematic metaphors. Oakes and Reagan must then de-

cide whether to betray the plotters. One basic problem with all this has to do with the dangers of using people who are still alive (as opposed to historical characters) in popular fiction. The world Buckley epicts is more or less ours, not some alternative, and we know, of course, that Gorbachev was not as-sassinated. Deprived of the what-if factor, we anticipate some other resolution. When it comes, and the loose ends concerning Oakes and Blanton's proposed legislation are tied up, the resolution is, perhaps

inevitably, disappointing. This is, of course, escapist fiction, albeit by a political insider whose

the illusion that the world of "A Very Private Piot" is representative of the real world. But for all that, one has a sense of reading about a private cinb, some Yale fraternity perhaps, whose doings are finally of est only to those who belong to it. And for all their moralizing about good and evil, there's a disconcerting smugness about Blackford Oakes and his cronies -- they know what's best for the rest of us, and we

presumed expertise gives the reade

with the important work. Fans of the Blackford Oakes series will probably want to read this one. Everyone else is excused and directed to reread John le Carré's Smiley trilogy.

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David Nicholson reviews books regularly for The Washington Post.

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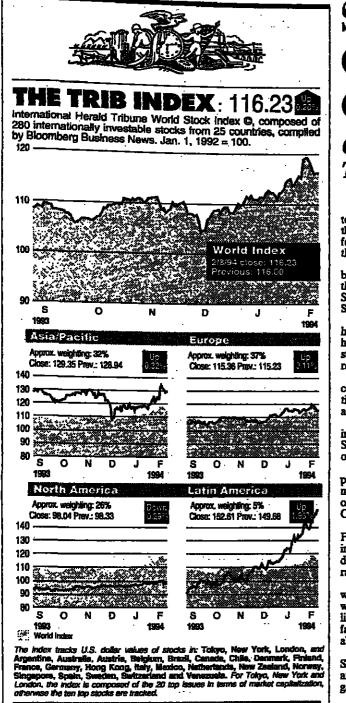
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### Sheraton Gains in Ciga Bid

#### Creditors Said To Back ITT Unit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN - ITT Corp.'s Sheraton Hotels unit won support from the creditor banks of Ciga Hotels for its bid for Ciga, sources close to the negotiations said Tuesday.

The sources said the creditor

banks had met Tuesday morning at the headquarters of Mediobanca SpA in Milan and approved the Sheraton offer. Executives of Ciga, an Italian

hotel concern struggling under a heavy debt load, said only that a statement was being prepared and refused to give further details. Mediobanca has a policy of not commenting publicly on its activi-ties, and its executives refused to

accept phone calls. The Daily Telegraph newspaper in Britain reported Tuesday that Sheraton had emerged as the buyer of the 35-hotel Ciga chain.

It said Sheraton was offering to pay about 900 billion lira (\$530 million) to win out over rival suitors Forte PLC and Host Marriott

Richard Power, a spokesman for Forte, said his company had been informed of Sheraton's offer Monday night and did not intend to raise its own bid.

The Sheraton offer seems to be well in excess of 900 billion lire, while ours was about 650 billion lire," he said. "We felt that was a fair price to pay to make a reasonable return for our shareholders." According to banking sources, Sheraton's offer is entirely in cash and would cover 72 percent of Ci-

Ciga last year hired Mediobanca to find a buyer for it. The hotel chain has not been profitable since 1989 and has debt of about 1 trillion lire.

London-based Forte and Host Marriott of the United States had been banking for control of Ciga, and Sheraton entered the bidding only shortly before the meeting Tuesday between Mediobanca and Ciga's creditors.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

# Toy or Supercar for Asia?

By Jacques Neher ternational Herald Tribune

PARIS - Is the purchase of Italy's Lamborghini a \$40 million toy for the son of Indonesia's President Suharto and his friends or rather the core of a Malaysian-Indonesian joint venture to create a local automotive industry?

Western analysts said the former appeared the better explanation for the just-completed sale by Chrysler Corp. of Automobili Lamborghini SpA, the lamed maker of expensive sports cars, to Megatech Ltd.

Megatech is a Bermuda-registered company jointly owned by Hutomo (Tommy) Mandala Putra, the voungest son of President Suharto, and Mycom Setdoo, a Bermuda-based subsidiary of Mycom Bhd., the Malaysian property and gaming

In a filing with the Kuala Lumpur stock exchange Tues-Mycom said it had agreed to sell half of Mycom Setdco to Setiawan Djody, an Indonesian businessman and the principal owner of the Setdeo Group of

It said Mycom would have a 25 percent stake in Mycom

Setdoo, with the remaining 25 percent going to Koperasi Polis DiRaja, a Malaysian police in-

The Mycom chairman, Yap yong Seong, was a police intelligence operative during anti-

'You have to ask whether this is the most costefficient way to start an industry.

Louis Bailoni, luxurycar analyst with DRI Automotive Group.

Communist operations in Malaysia. The police investment fund has helped finance his various business ventures since the 1970s, he once said.

"The joint venture with the Serdeo Group of Indonesia is expected to present the Mycom Group an opportunity to extend and diversify its business activities to Indonesia," Mycom said. "Besides, Megatech also in-

tends to to use the engine tech-nology of Lamborghini to devel-op commercial vehicles in Indonesia," it said.

But Western automotive analysts raised their eyebrows at this claim, noting that much more investment would be required to adapt Lamborghini's high-performance engine technology to every-day requirements of a volume vehicle producer.

"It's plausible, but you have to ask whether this is the most costefficient way to start an industry." said Louis Bailoni, luxury-car analyst with DRI Automotive Group in Britain. "It would make a lot more sense to just go out and buy the engines you want for your

Another London auto analyst. asking not to be named, said that buying Lamborghini in order to launch a local car industry was "ludicrous" and "a very strange way of doing it."

Even Lamborghini's top executive said there was little the Italian company could bring to a volume car producer, outside of some research and development assistance. "We're a small company that produces a small num-

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## **Britain Trims Lending Rate** To 22-Year Low

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

The British government, in a move apparently aimed at softening the pain of imminent tax increases while sustaining economic recovery, cut its minimum lending rate Tuesday by a quarter point, to 5.25 percent.

The reduction, which contrasted with the Federal Reserve Board's move Friday to raise U.S. short-term rates, could offer solace to the Bundesbank and other European central banks as they consider the timing of their own rate easings.

But some London analysts said the cut, which brought the rate at which the central bank lends to commercial banks to its lowest level since 1977 was too small to have a significant impact on the economy and may have been made largely for domestic political reasons.

The rate cut nonetheless seemed to improve the mood of investors on London's stock exchange, who

only a day before had sent share prices down in response to the rise in rates in the United States. Commercial banks reduced their base lending rates to 5.25 percent, after the Bank of England's cut during its morning money-market opera-

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 shares reached a peak Tuesday of 3,471.70, making up nearly all the ground it had lost Monday, before closing at 3,440.20, up 21.10 points.

Kenneth Clarke, Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer, said the rate cut was justified by an easing of inflationary pressures. Speaking in Paris before a meeting with Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, Mr. Clarke said inflation was running well within his government's

target range.
The cut, the first since November, came hours before the Bank of England released a quarterly inflation report projecting an annual rate of increase of 2 percent to 3 percent in retail prices by the middle of 1994. The underlying British inflation rate, which excludes interest payments on mortgages, is cur-rently 2.7 percent.

Tuesday's rate cut was less than the half-point reduction that had been anticipated by analysts, and it came sooner than expected.

Julian Callow, an economist at Kleinwort Benson Securities in London, suggested the interest-rate cut might have been politically motivated. "One can't help feeling that there are political overtones to this, with the government trying to regain the political initiative after a disastrous

start to the year," he said.

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the British Treasury and a Conservative Party stalwart, denied this, saying "interest rate decisions are taken with regard to the prospects for inflation, not political

A total of £8 billion in tax in creases, including new levies on personal income and home heating bills, is to take effect in April. In addition to the political storm

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### Tank Maker Bids for Westland Helicopters

LONDON - GKN PLC began a hostile bid for Westland Group PLC ister and is now the European on Tuesday, buying an interest in one of the world's leading helicopter makers from United Technologies Corp. and offering £366 million (\$542 million) for the 60 percent

that remains in public hands.

The purchase of the United Technologies stake for about \$111 million by GKN, which makes Warrior tanks and industrial goods, reverses the foreign control of Westland that was at the center of a political controversy in Britain 1986. United Technologies and Fiat SpA bought into Westland, outbidding a consortium of five European aerospace companies.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's approval of an American-led bid for the only British helicopter maker led current industry minister, Michael Heseltine, then the defense

minister, to resign, along with Leon
Brittan, who had been industry min29.9 percent, by offering its existing

Union's trade commissioner. In 1988, GKN purchased 22.02 percent of Westland from Fiat and Hanson PLC for £47.8 million. With the additional stake from United Technologies, GKN has secured 47 percent of Westland's stock, which falls to 40.2 percent on a fully diluted basis that takes into account options and convertible bonds.

GKN's planned acquisition of the entire company, however, will not be easy. It is bidding cash or convertible bonds worth just 290 pence per share, 5 percent below the closing price of 305 pence on Monday. Although the stock initially rallied on Tuesday, it ended at 305 pence, while GKN edged up

2 pence, to 582. GKN said it would finance part of the bid, required by British law 29.9 percent, by offering its existing convertible bond for every five shares of stock they own. The rights issue would be payable in two installments, the second coming when GKN's stake in Westland

The Westland board, except those members appointed by GKN, said the offer was "unwelcome" and that shareholders should not take any action until the company had considered its position. Zafar Khan, an analyst at Strauss Turnbull Securities told investors to accept that advice, saying, "GKN will try to get board approval from Westland and that could cost them a few pence more."

reached 75 percent.

David Lees, the GKN chairman, said, "I believe our offer is fairly priced." He said a recent price rise in Westland's stock price may re-

The EH-101 was developed by Westland and Agusta SpA of Italy and its prospects were an element in the 1986 takeover battle. It is in production now, with the first de-liveries expected in 1996. "If you go back to 1988," Mr. Lees said, "the EH-101 had not gone

helicopter, but also, in part, specu-

lation that GKN may have been

seeking to increase its stake. West-

land's price has been rising since

October, when it closed as low as

209 pence per share.

into production yet and indeed it wasa't completely certain it would be taken into production. That has changed ... and it is now a major flagship for Westland," he said. Mr. Lees said the Westland pur-

chase would provide GKN with a "strong third core business" in helicopters and light armored vehicles (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

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### Where Pirates Rule the (Air)waves

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By Kevin Murphy nel Hereld Tribune OMBAY - When Rupert Murdoch arrives this week to see what he actually bought when his News Corp. paid \$525 million for STAR TV in Hong Kong and an undisclosed amount for half of India's Hindi-language ZEE-TV station, he will be visiting Khushan Khan, or someone like him.

With China, its largest potential market, wary of "spiritual pollution" by the West and of the pan-Asian broadcaster's intentions in particular, STAR TV needs to find a way to increase its profit in India, its prospective second-largest market, just as competition here is intensifying.

Mr. Murdoch will find — unless he cuts

innovative deals with the government officials, industrialists or entertainment luminaries he meets this week - that India's huge appetite for television does not necessarily mean easy pickings. Mr. Khan and tens of thousands of other

roof top entrepreneurs who do not pay for the programs they distribute illustrate why Western entertainment groups face serious chal-lenges in profiting from India's economic

From a padlocked rooftop command center, Mr. Khan, who learned about cable television while he was pumping gasoline in New York, controls a lucrative cable network in Bandra, one of Bombay's wealthier neighbor-

Wires splay toward adjacent buildings and criss-cross an area where 80,000 potential subscribers live. From the eight-square-foot-(six-square-meter) nerve center of Universal Network, Mr. Khan distributes 12 channels,

including those seen in 53 countries on STAR does not include paying anyone for the use of TV, grabbing the signals with five satellite dishes crowding the roof.

does not include paying anyone for the use of their programming.

"If STAR and the others encrypt their

Next door, under a lean-to, is the accounts department, where 1,000 rupee (\$32) connection fees, 150 rupee monthly subscriptions and advertising revenue from broadcasts and the company's program guide are counted by muscular collection men.

The network, now seen in about 7,000

Tens of thousands of rooftop entrepreneurs do not pay for the programs they distribute.

homes, intends to greatly increase subscrip-tions and broadcasts of its own advertise-ments when STAR TV and other broadcasters take commercial breaks.

This move would boost Mr. Khan's reve-me and cast doubt on whether STAR TV's availability in 7.2 million homes in India will guarantee that all those subscribers will actu-

see its advertisements. We were the first to show four channels." Mr. Khan says. "Our technology, price and service are better than the competition."

That service includes prated videos of big Hollywood films, often available the day of their theatrical release in the United States, a purchasing chib that gives viewers discounts at local advertisers, a dial-in movie request line and plans to have as many as 40 channels available a year from now.

At this point, Mr. Khan's business plan

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their programming.
"If STAR and the others encrypt their signals, we might pay for it for a while and then see if our customers are willing to pay," said Mr. Khan, who has bought out smaller said Mr. Khan, who has bought out smaller rivals and begun undercutting competitors' prices along his service area's boundaries.

"Television is like a drug, so they might want it," he said. "But with so many new channels coming, maybe they won't want the ones they have to pay for."

Long closed to foreign broadcasters and their programming. India has been transformed by the arrival of STAR TV's mix of Western programming and vouth-oriented

Western programming and youth-oriented local ZEE-TV broadcasts. Visions of foreign lifestyles, culture and consumerism have at once challenged traditions and attracted ad-

But success has prompted imitation and fierce opposition.

The sky wars are just starting over India, Alygue Padamsee. regional head of the advertising agency Lintas, said. "We will see at least 30 channels here by the end of the year." Worried by decreasing ratings and reve-one, the national government-owned television network, Doordarshan, has opened additional channels to rival producers and is accused of having blackballed producers

whose work is shown on ZEE-TV. At the same time, most international enterinment companies are looking for their own way into the market — and a way of working with Mr. Khan and his peers or cutting them

"The day pay television makes any money in India is very far away," said Lalit Modi, See INDIA, Page 11

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### **Bond Market Drops** On Tepid Note Sale

NEW YORK -Stocks were little changed Tuesday, but Treasury bond prices slid after tepid demand for three-year notes at the first of the Treasury's three quarterly refi-

nancing auctions.

The benchmark 30-year bond fell 23/32, to 97 14/32, in late trading, with the yield rising to 6.45 percent from 6.39 percent Monday. The Treasury sold \$17.116 bil-

#### N.Y. Stocks

lion in three-year notes at a lackluster auction that reflected most market players' reluctance to buy short-term securities amid uncertainty about the next increase in U.S. interest rates, analysts said. The credit market has been un-

der pressure since the Federal Reserve Board pushed up the benchmark federal funds rate by 25 basis points in what analysts said was the first step in a tightening cycle.

Investors are concerned the gov-ernment's sale of about \$12 billion in 10-year notes Wednesday will be even less well received than Tuesday's auction because longer-term

issues are pricing in another 25-basis-point tightening by the Fed.

The slumping bond market kept stocks from adding to Monday's gains. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.29 point, to close at 3,906.03. Advancers led decliners by a 9-to-8 ratio, however,

on the New York Stock Exchange, with volume thinning from recent

A snowstorm in the Northeast which closed two of the New York area's major airports during trading hours and caused some commodity markets to end trading ear-- also served to limit stockmarket moves because major players opted for early departures. RJR Nabisco topped the New York Stock Exchange's most-active list, edging up 1/2 to 7/4 on a report

that the company was demanding higher returns for capital spending. The most-active over-thecounter stock for the second straight day was Spectrum Information Technologies Inc., which rose 5/16 to 2 9/16 after plunging Monday plunging Monday when its chairman, John Sculley, re-

A shareholder suit against the wireless data company is pending.
Among Dow components, Sears
fell 3¼ to 47¼ in active trading after releasing lower-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings.
Teléfonos de México was active,

gaining 14 to 751/2. Pfizer shares tumbled 21/2 to 591/2 in active trading after the compa-

ny's chief financial officer said Wall Street's earnings estimates were too high.
(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, AP)

### **European Rate View Gives Boost to Dollar**

AFP-Extel News

NEW YORK — The dollar rose Tuesday on expectations of declines in European interest rates, despite some reports of efforts by the Bundesbank to intervene and limit the U.S. currency's gains.

The dollar ended trading at 1.7650 Deutsche marks, up from 1.7587 DM at Monday's close. Against other European currencies.

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it gained to 1.4810 Swiss francs from 1.4685 francs and to 5.9830 French francs from 5.9620, while the pound weakened to \$1,4669 from \$1,4832.

Against the Japanese currency. the dollar edged up to 108.75 yen from 108.60.

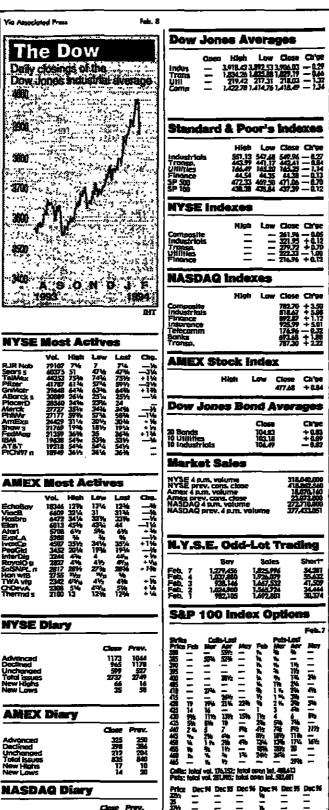
Economists and traders said the dollar was attracting widespread support after last week's rate tightening by the Fed and this week's cuts in interest rates by Britain and

Lars Pedersen, an economist at Chemical Bank, said there was evidence the Bundesbank had been

try to slow the dollar's advance against the mark. But some traders said they doubted that the German

central bank had been active. Mr. Pedersen said any action by the Bundesbank would have been aimed more at a need to maintain the mark's position against other European currencies than at con-

cern about the dollar's strength. He added that he still expected the dollar to reach about 1.85 DM over the next couple of months, but only after the Bundesbank has able to make sure the mark remains close to its current levels against other European currencies.



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NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Standard Chartered PLC has sued Metallgesellschaft AG's U.S. unit in an effort to head off a debt restructuring contained in the rescue package between the German

Justice Walter Schackman of the New York State Supreme Court granted the British bank a temporary restraining order halting the plan until he decides whether to grant a preliminary injunction. The judge said he expected to reach that decision Wednesday.

Standard Chartered stands to lose \$28 million if the debt restructuring

goes forward, Vice President Richard Mattner said in an affidavit. Metallgesellschaft's creditor banks reached agreement last month on the 3.4 billion Deutsche mark (\$2 billion) rescue package in the wake of oil trading losses at Metallgesellschaft Corp., the U.S. subsidiary. The metals and mining company is to raise 2.7 billion DM through a rights offering and a debt-to-equity swap and would obtain a new credit line of 700 million DM.

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### U.S. Productivity Gained in Quarter

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - The productivity of U.S. workers washington (Bloomberg) — The productivity of U.S. workers posted the largest gain in a year during the fourth quarter as corporations streamlined operations by eliminating jobs, the government said Tursday. The 4 percent increase in nonfarm productivity, following a 4 percent gain in the previous quarter, was the strongest showing since an identical 4 gain in the previous quarter, was the strongest showing since an identical 4 percent rise in the final three months of 1992, the Labor Department said Tuesday. However, for all of last year productivity rose inst 1.6 necessity. Tuesday. However, for all of last year, productivity rose just 1.6 percent Large corporations in January announced their intentions to eliminate.

108,946 jobs, according to a report Tuesday from the employment firm
Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. Many of the jobs slated to disappear
are in the communications industry.

### Sears Reports Rebound in Earnings

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Sears, Roebuck & Co. said it earned \$544.6 million, or \$1.39 a share, in the fourth quarter, rebounding from a yearearlier loss that came in part from charges to restructure retail operations.

Even though Sears reported strong earnings increases at its Sears Merchandise Group and Allstate Corp. units, its results fell short of Wall Street projections. Analysis expected Sears to earn \$1.46 a share. Sears reported a loss of \$1.8 billion for 1900's fourth quarter.

reported a loss of \$1.8 billion for 1992's fourth quarter.

Phillip Abbenhaus, an analyst at Stifel Nicolaus, said 1993 fourth-quarter carnings were lower than expected because of advertising costs to promote Sears's new strategy to appeal to mall shoppers and disappointing results from its Canadian retail operations.

#### Kellogg Raises Cereal Prices

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan (Reuters)—Kellogg Co. said Tuesday it was raising its cereal prices in the United States by an average of 2.6 percent. The increase is the second by Kellogg in six months.

A spokesman for Kellogg attributed the move to higher commodity the perticularly for wheat and rice.

prices, particularly for wheat and rice.

Kellogg refused to identify prices for specific brands of cereals, but it said the changes range from no increase on some brands to a 7 percent rise on others. The move comes less than a month after Kellogg's chairman, Amold Langbo, said the careal giant hoped to moderate promotional spending — such as coupons and discounts — in the United States this year.

#### Anheuser-Busch Quarterly Profit Up ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Bloomberg) — Anheuser-Busch Cos. said Tues-

st. LOUIS, Missoun (Bloomberg) — Anheoser-Busch Cos. said I uesday its fourth-quarter profit rose 3 percent on a 5 percent increase in sales, and it projected a first-quarter sales growth of 4 percent.

The world's largest brewer added that it would have a "moderate" increase in the second quarter, while earnings per share also should grow in the first quarter. Net income in the fourth quarter was \$167 million, or 62 cents a share, up from \$161 million, or 58 cents, a year earlier. Revenue after the payment of excise taxes rose to \$2.85 billion from \$2.73 billion.

The comments said it maintained market charallest taxes with salest taxes. The company said it maintained market share last year, with sales volume representing 44 percent of total brewing industry sales in the United States, according to estimates from the Beer Institute.

#### AlliedSignal Plans a Stock Split

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - AlliedSignal Inc. said Tuesday that its profit in the fourth quarter rose 29 percent as costs and expenses declined. The company also said it planned a 2-for-1 stock split a 16 percent dividend increase, to 33 cents before the split.

AlliedSignal said it expected strong earnings growth this year because of "significant new contracts won," continued cost-cutting in 1993, as

well as acquisitions. In the fourth quarter, income rose to \$178 million while revenue at the maker of products for the aerospace and automotive industries rose to \$3.06 billion from \$3.05 billion.

#### Sweden Backs Upjohn Potency Drug KALAMAZOO, Michigan (Bloomberg) — Upjohn Co. said Tuesday

its Caverject male impotency drug has received its first regulatory approval, from Sweden's Medical Products Agency.

The drug, which is self-injected, relaxes smooth muscle tissue, which in turn enhances blood flow to the penis, creating an execution. Also known as alprostadil; it is derived from prostaglandin E1, which has been used for many years to treat babies with congenital heart defects.

#### Dr Pepper Earnings Rise to Record

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos. said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter earnings rose to a record, fueled by sales gains and

The No. 3 U.S. soft drink maker said it posted net income of \$21.3 million, or 32 cents a share, compared with a loss from operations of \$2.93 feet" of the coming tax increases.

Mr. Clarke, in an interview Monday, insisted he would decide on interest rates on the basis of domesting increased to 66.8 million, from the company's initial public offering in January 1993.

Besides higher sales, Dr Pepper/Seven-Up's fourth-quarter results and interest expense as a result of debt reduction and tic economic conditions, and espe-benefited from reduced interest expense as a result of debt reduction and

### RATES: Britain Trims Its Minimum Lending Levy to 5.25%, Lowest Level Since 1972

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raised by the tax on home heating, the government of Prime Minister John Major has been beset by a string of sex and corruption scandals involving members of the Conservative Party, the latest of which

immediate impact on the Bundes- their own cuts." bank and other Continental central banks in their deliberations, David

of Parliament had been found dead Monday in mysterious circumstances.

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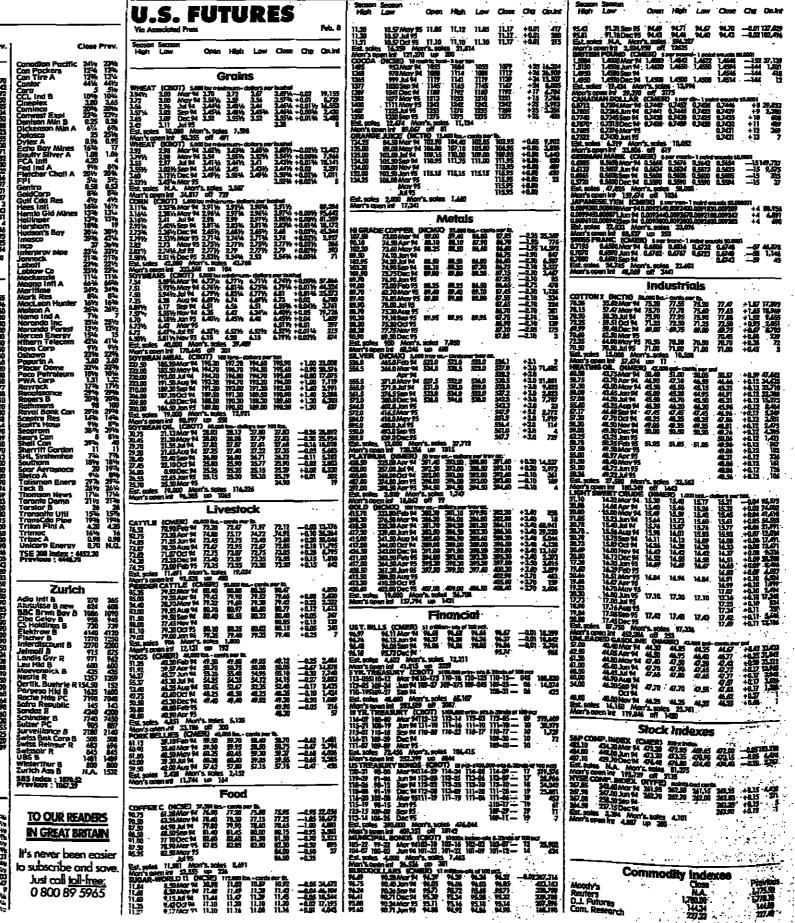
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# Degussa's Restructuring Pays Off

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT - No longer burdened by unprofitable mining activities, the German specialty chemicals, precions metals and pharmaceuticals conglomerate Degussa AG is poised to boost its profitability with or without an economic recovery, company executives and analysts said Tuesday.

"Sales and profits are a long way from soaring, but they are rising," said the company's managing director. Gert Becker, after amount ing a 5 percent increase in sales, to 3.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$2 billion) and a 25 percent increase in pretax profit, to 61 million DM, in the fourth quarter of 1993.

In the year ended Sept. 30, sales rose 16 percent and profit was flat at 121 million DM. "If the economy expands in the second half, that is reason enough to start thinking about a higher dividend." he said. Last year, its payout was unchanged at 7 DM a share.

Degussa shares jumped nearly percent, to 467 DM from 454 DM, on the strong quarterly profit rise. Analysts said the company appeared

to be on the road to recovery after two years of cern in 1868. Degussa is still widely regarded as a restructuring that saw a 400 million DM reduc-

5,180, cut in staff. While part of the company's performance last year can be attributed to one-time gains, analysts said Degussa's successful restructuring showed the earnings potential that awaits other German companies that started cutting costs later.

Degussa realized early that its overhead was too high," said Harald Gruber, an analyst at Nomura Research Institute Deutschland and author of a recent report on Degussa's transformation from a metals conglomerate to a specialty chemicals manufacturer.

They did everything right except for Leybold," Mr. Gruber said, referring to the costly sale of Degussa's unprofitable vacuum-technology unit to Switzerland's Ocrlikon-Bührle Holding AG in January. "Now Leybold is gone, and they are in a good position to use the money that has been wasted for the last few years more efficiently in developing their chem-

icals and pharmaceuticals operations." Founded as a coin and precious metals con-

metals company. Karl Wagner, an analyst at tion in operating costs and a 15 percent, or Dresdner International Research Institute, a subsidiary of Dresdner Bank AG, noted that Degussa's shares rose sharply recently when Metallgesellschaft AG, another company heavily dependent on metals trading, announced it was in trouble. "Degussa and Metaligeselischaft are classic investment alternatives." he said.

But while metals-sector sales still account for half of revenue, their contribution to earnings is declining as diversification in other fields, especially pharmaceuticals, begins to pay off.

"Degussa only uses their metals activities to guarantee a supply of materials for value-added products," Mr. Gruber said. On the other hand. Metallgeselischaft saw metals as a profit center" and suffered when cheap imports from Eastern Europe undermined its prices, he said.

Degussa has concentrated its precious metals activities on refining and trading and selling products containing precious metals. It dissolved its primary production division, which included mining activities, on Sept. 30.

### Reuters' Profit Rise Of 15% for 1993 **Exceeds Forecast**

Bloomberg Business News LONDON — Reuters Holdings PLC said Tuesday its pretax profit for 1993 rose 15 percent, to £440 million (\$652 million), from £383 million in 1992.

As it announced its strongerthan-expected results, which included a return to double-digit revenue growth in the second half of the year. Reuters also said it would recommend a 4-for-1 split of its ordinary shares. It also said its American depositary receipts, which have each represented three current shares, would be redefined to represent six of the new shares.

The international news and financial information company's final dividend was 19.8 pence a share, bringing the total dividend for 1993 to 26 pence a share, an increase of 23 percent.

"These results came in at the top range of estimates," said Brian Rusling, who follows Reuters for Yamaichi International, "They've seen order levels pick up during the second half and could well see double-digit revenue growth continue

Reuters shares rose 67 pence, or more than 3 percent, to close at

Analysis nolled by Bloomberg Business News had predicted pretax profit would total £433.1 mil-

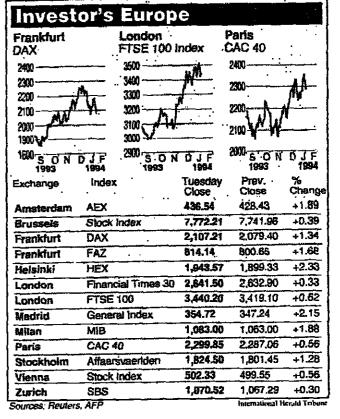
"Reuters is still a 'buy," " Belinda Clinton, an analyst at NatWest Markets, said in evaluating the re-

Some analysts said the most significant news for investors was that Reuters had resumed showing double-digit revenue growth in the second half after a couple of years of slower expansion.

The company's revenue grew 7 percent in 1992, but in the second half of 1993, its underlying growth - which excludes the effects of foreign-currency translations reached an annual rate of 10 percent, its finance director, Rob Rowley, said.

Without correcting for foreigncurrency translations, sales rose aimost 20 percent, to £1.87 billion.

and earnings per share were up 29 percent, at 72 pence. The figures were helped by the decline in the value of the pound during the year.



### Stora Reverses Its 1992 Loss

STOCKHOLM - Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB said Tuesday it had profit of 530 million kronor (\$67 million) in 1993, reversing a loss of 1.4 billion kronor in 1992, largely because of favorable currency-rate movements and its cost-cutting program.

The paper-and-forestryproducts company also announced plans to merge its packaging operations with those of the Ahlstrom group of Finland.

In the fourth quarter. Stora had a profit of 236 million kronor, compared with a loss of 926 million kronor a year earlier. Its board proposed an unchanged dividend of 6.50

#### **Very briefly:**

• Istituto Mobiliare Italiano SpA said the Italian government's initial public offering of a 33 percent stake was almost 10 times oversubscribed. The European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of the European Union's central bank, has chosen Robert Raymond, the head of the Bank of France's credit department, as its director general.

· Schering AG, the German chemicals and pharmaceuticals company, said it earned 254 million Deutsche marks (\$144 million) in 1993, down 3 percent from 1992.

• Royal Dutch/Shell Group's proposed merger of its Shell Petroleum polyolefin business with the Nederland division of Montedison SpA is the subject of a European Commission investigation.

• Codelouf & Co., a Gibraltar-based investment company, said it will hold a 4 percent stake in Montedison SpA by the end of February.

• Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken said it will sell three finance units in its

FinansSkandic group to General Electric Co. of the United States. • De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., is selling £150 million (\$222 million) in 15-year bonds in the British market, priced to yield 165 basis points

more than the comparable British government bond. Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA's certificate of deposit and senior debt ratings were lowered by Standard & Poor's Corp.; separately, the bank's

president, Giampero Cantoni, resigned. • Royal KNP BT NV said it would sell its Korean graphics distribution company, BTI-Korea Co., and Modern Printing Ltd., of Hong Kong, to

the Danish group East Asiatic Co. • PSA Peugeot-Citroën SA, Europe's third-largest automaker, said sales in 1993 fell to 145,4 billion francs (\$244 million) from 155.4 billion francs

• Digital Equipment Corp. will cut 5,000 to 6,000 jobs in Europe in the next 12 to 18 months as part of a revamp of the unprofitable unit; Digital

now employs about 29,000 in Europe. • Mirror Group Newspapers, leading a group of investors trying to buy

Britain's Independent newspaper, sought to raise its bid for the troubled Newspaper Publishing PLC.

fit for 1993 should exceed dis, the managing director comberg. AFX. Reuters, AFP

### Granada Raises Bid For LWT

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON -- Granada Group PLC raised its bid for the television broadcaster LWT (Holdings) PLC on Tuesday, and some analysts called the new offer a good one despite LWT's quick rejection.

The new bid to create Britain's biggest commercial programming concern values LWT at about £776 million (\$1.15 billion) and LWT's shares at 750 pence each.

Granada is offering 13 of its shares plus 100 pence cash for every 10 LWT shares or 686 pence a share in cash. The original bid was six Granada shares for every five of LWT, or 528 pence. News of the increased bid sent LWT shares up 35 pence, to 737 pence.

Anthony de Larrinaga, a media analyst at Panmure Gordon & Co., said, "LWT's shareholders should accept the offer if they have sense." But LWT's chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, said the offer seri-

ously undervalued the performance and potential of LWT. LWT has the London weekend broadcast license for ITV, Britain's independent television network. A merger with Granada, which

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has a broadcast license for northal, leisure and computer businesses. would give the combined company a potential audience of 16 million people. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

### Lloyd's Loss Put at £2 Billion

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher editor of Chatset's guide, referring LONDON—Lloyd's of London to losses carried over into 1991 Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches is expected to sustain a £2.05 billion (\$3 billion) loss, its fourth consecutive year of bad results, when it publishes its results for 1991 on May 25, Chatset Ltd. said.

This was double Chatset's estimate of £1 billion made in September. The independent analytical for catastrophes were mul company also predicted the insurance market would suffer a further excess reinsurance spiral. £1 billion loss in 1992 before returning to profitability for 1993. Lloyd's publishes its results with a three-year delay to allow for the settlement of insurance claims.

Chatset's estimates have proven more accurate than Lloyd's own. "Poor underwriting in 1991 accounted for a deterioration of E700 million," said Charles Sturge, co- between 1987 and 1990, costing

from claims on insurance policies from previous years.

A total of £850 million of losses are expected to stem from insurance policies Lloyd's wrote in previous years, notably the 1980s and 1990. In addition, inadequate reserving for catastroobes were multiplied by the impact of the London-market-

The spiral was essentially a feedriven phenomenon, in which some underwriters took on reinsured liabilities without proper knowledge of the risks they were accepting and then inadequately reinsured these risks, leaving them with substantial exposure. This practice coincided with a spate of seven catastrophes

spill "are still churning around the spiral, causing syndicates to find extra reserves as their reinsurance protection is threatened." A breakdown of where Charset expects losses to be deepest shows

Lloyd's an estimated £13.6 billion.

According to Chatset, catastro-

ohes such as the Exxon Valdez oil

that despite an estimated £4.13 billion of premiums in 1991, marine insurers will sustain a loss of £1.1 billion. This stemmed from "alltime record losses" of vessels for "bread-and-butter" cargo and hull insurance in 1991, Mr. Sturge said. Looking at 1993, Chatset said it

was confident Lloyd's would bounce back; 1993 has "all the hallmark of a first-class year.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

### INDIA: Widespread Piracy Poses Problems for TV

#### Continued from Page 9

who heads the part of the sprawling family-owned Modi group that has formed a joint venture with Walt Disney Co. to distribute and produce programs in South Asia.

"The future is in local-language programming and delivering a well-defined advertising audience." said Mr. Modi, whose first dubbing of a Disney production into Hindi western England and operates rent- is now broadcast on Doordarshan's

program.
Buena Vista Television (India) world.

Ltd., the Modi-Disney venture, says it can dub most of the Disney catalogue into Hindi and India's other main languages and tap into Bombay's massive domestic filmproduction business.

Mr. Modi also says he will announce plans for his own Hindilanguage entertainment channel within two months after negotiations for satellite access are com-

But even if Mr. Modi, Buena main channel. That children's show Vista or others form their own netis the country's most successful works, they will still have to deal with the Mr. Khans of the cable

With many operators across the country allegedly backed by criminal organizations that provide protection in return for a stake in their cash flow, buying out the independent operators will not be a simple

#### **■ STAR TV Names Deputy**

Gene Swinstead, formerly the suggested by the seller. general manager of the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong, will join STAR TV immediately as engineering department would aid "They its deputy general manager, Agence the buvers in their France-Presse reported from Hong panding into Formu

### CAR: Toy or Hot Rod for Asia?

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ber of high-performance cars," said Gianfranco Venturelli, general manager. "Making cars in mass production is a different culture." A more plausible explanation for the purchase, estimated to run the Southeast Asian investors between

\$35 million and \$45 million, was

called supercars, expensive highperformance racing cars sold for road use.

Mr. Suhano and Mr. Djody. through their Bermuda companies, have invested \$7.6 million over the past 18 months to take a 57 percent stake in Vector Aeromotive, a small Wilmington, California. company that next year hopes to begin sell-ing its \$190,000 Avtech SC Super

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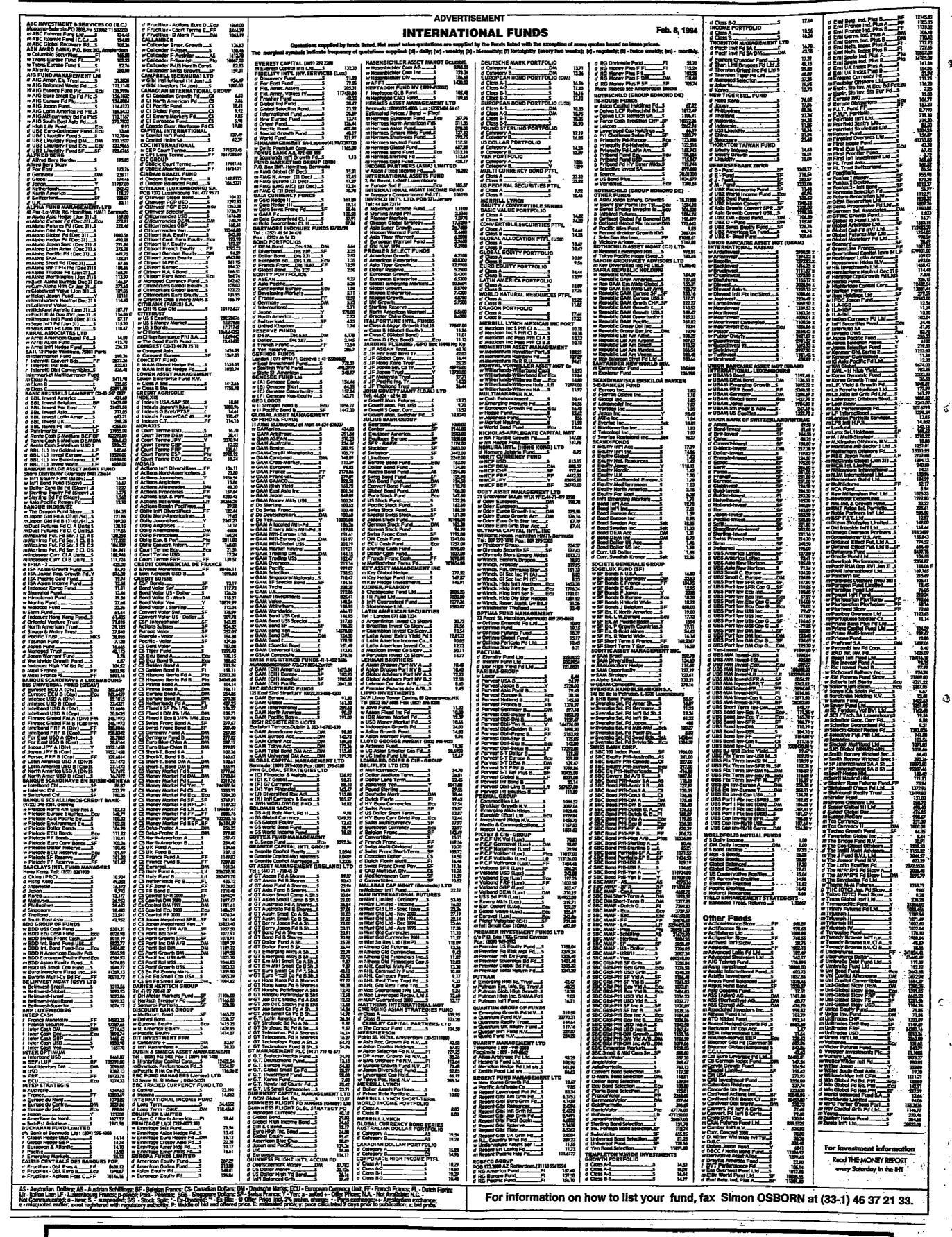
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# As Toyota Profit Hits Low, Some See a Rebound

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday its first-half operating profit sank to a record low amid a prolonged economic slump in Japan and falling exports.

Japan's largest carmaker, and the world's third-biggest, said its operating profit planged 84 percent, to 9.335 billion yen (\$86 million), in the six months ended Dec. 31. It was Toyota's fourth consecu-

tive year of falling first-half profit. Previously, its smallest operating profit for the first half of its financial year was 14.5 billion yen in 1982, the year it was formed by the merger of Toyota Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Sales Co.

Toyota's poor performance re-flects the difficulties facing all Jap anese carmakers, which include the country's long recession and falling sales of Japanese cars overseas. In addition, Japanese vehicle sales and production were down last year for the third consecutive year.

Many analysts, however, have predicted the Japanese market would do better this year, helped by a 6 trillion year rax cut unveiled by Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa Tuesday and a possible reduction in the consumption tax on

Dassenger cars. Steve Usher, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson International Inc., said he expected Japan's domestic vehicle sales to edge 1.5 percent higher in 1994 and said he rated

Toyota's stock a "buy." Toyota said the surge in the yea's value against the dollar had cut its operating income by 100 billion

yen in the first half. In the United States, Toyota dealers have raised prices on 1994 models by about 6.2 percent, mostly because of the yea's rise against the dollar over the

past year and a half.

"The main reason behind the hard time we are having selling cars in the U.S. is the higher yen," Ryuji Araki, a Toyota director, said.

Toyota's exports fell 21 percent,

to 678,778 units, largely because of a decline in exports to North America and Europe, the company said. Toyota sold 1,002,000 vehicles in Japan, a decline of 9 percent from the year-earlier period.

Toyota's recurring or pretax profit, plummeted 49 percent, to 83.24 billion yen. Net income fell 46 percent, to 39.44 billion yen.

## Oil Rush in China's West

BELITNG - China on Tuesday signed a contract with five foreign oil companies to explore a vast block in its far western desert.

In the Great Hall of the People, the China National Petroleum Co. signed the contract with a consortium led by Agip SpA of Italy. It was the second such contract for the Tarim basin in Xinjiang, on the border with Russia and Kazakhstan.

The other members of the consortium are Elf Hydrocarbures Chine of France, Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Japan Energy Co. and Texaco China, part of Texaco Inc. Each of the five holds a 20 percent interest in the contract area.

The 9,814-square-kilometer (3,790-square-mile) block is in the south of Xinjiang and one of five offered by Beijing for foreign exploration. In De-cember, Exxon Corp. and Japan-Indonesia Petroleum Corp. signed a contract to explore one of the

reserves approaching 20.5 billion metric tons (143 billion barrels). That is roughly equivalent to the amount of oil produced to date in the North Sea. "The chances of a commercial discovery in this

Chinese officials said Tarim could boast oil

block are, on a world scale, good," William Doyle, president of Texaco Middle East/Far East, said. He said production could start in 1998.

Under the contract, the consortium will pay for seismic surveys and drill wells in the first exploration phase, with production starting after discovery of a commercial field and construction of an oil or gas pipeline to the area.

On discovery of a commercial field, CNPC has the right to participate in developing the block up

Mr. Doyle said that, with successful finds, the investment by the five firms could be substantially more than \$1 billion.

The desert area is one of the most inhospitable on earth, with scorching heat in the summer and freezing cold in the winter. China is building a road from Korla, the railhead, to the center of the Tarim basin, where oil has been found. This year, China will become a net oil importer

after 20 years as an exporter, as domestic demand surges. Domestic output this year will be 148 million tons, up about 2 percent from 1993, while demand is rising about 8 percent a year.

With world oil prices at their lowest for five years

year and process more in its own refineries. Mr. Dovle said the terms of contracts are better than could have been obtained five years ago. because of the fall in oil prices over the period and the remoteness and difficulty of exploring in places

Beijing has decided to increase imports of crude this

### **Asian Stocks Recover Part** Of Steep Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Dunatches HONG KONG - Major Asian stock markets were calm Tuesday, stabilizing after sliding on Monday. The continent's bourses were following the lead of Wall Street. where the Dow Jones industrials plunged Friday but recouped part of the loss on Monday.

After stock trading had ended, the Asian component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index stood 0.55 percent higher, at 129.65.

The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong rose 39.89 points, or 0.35 percent. to 11,454.16. Bargainnunters opted for bank and real estate issues, according to James Vinall of SBC1 Finance Asia.

In Tokyo, a compromise by members of the government coalition over tax reform pushed stock prices higher, with the Nikkei index rising 236.83 points, to 20,251.23. (Reigers, Bloomberg)

Mr. Kaneko, 60, was president of

NEC America from 1989 to 1991.

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### ANA to Cut 1,500 Jobs by 1996

Reners Further cost-cutting will be TOKYO —All Nippon Airways achieved through enhanced ties taking drastic cost-cutting steps, great-including the elimination of 1,500 riers. jobs, in an effort to raise its operat-

ANA will cut its work force from ANA and JAL expect their cooper-to 12,500 from 14,000 by the end of ation to save 8 billion to 9 billion March 1996, an ANA spokesman yen over five years from April 1. said. Labor now accounts for 20 percent of total costs, he noted. The cuts will be through a freeze

more contract employees as cabin

attendants, he said.

Co. said on Tuesday that it was with its group companies and greater cooperation with other car-

jobs, in an effort to raise its operating profit by 30 billion yen (\$277 million) by 1996.

The restructuring plan also features a joint aircraft maintenance deal with the rival Japan Air Lines.

air travel, continued recession at home and increased competition on most recruitment and by using have left ANA facing the toughest challenge since its foundation, said the president, Seiji Fukatsu.

COMPANY RESULTS

Established in 1952, ANA has Japan's largest domestic flight network. JAL, with the largest international network of any Japanese carrier, in January announced cuts in jobs and capital spending.

ANA posted a parent operating profit of 18.07 billion yen (\$167) million) in the year to March 31, 1993, but the carrier projected poorer results in the current year.

The restructuring plan is expected to push up ANA's parent operating profit in the business year to March 31, 1996, by 30 billion yen if business conditions do not grow worse, the ANA spokesman said.

#### Very briefly:

TOKYO - NEC Corp. on Tues-

• Telecom Corp. of New Zealand announced record third-quarter net earnings of 134.6 million New Zealand dollars (\$77 million), up 9 percent from a year earlier. The former state-owned concern now has as its major shareholder a consortium including the American telecommunications companies Ameritech Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp.

Singapore Telecommunications Pte. said it had paid \$78 million for a 17 percent stake in American Mobile Satellite Corp., a U.S. company that will build mobile satellite-communications systems to transmit voice, data and facsimile signals throughout the United States.

ealth Bank of Australia, the country's fourth-largest bank, said it had a 32 percent jump in half-year profit, to 3124 million Australian dollars (\$223 million), because of lower bad debt provisions and a recovering property market.

NEC's Kaneko Is Named President

### WORLD BALANCED FUND

• Matsushita-Kotobuki Electronics Industries Ltd. of Japan said it would

invest more than 41 million Singapore dollars (\$26 million) to set up a disk-drive production plant in Singapore and sell its output to Quantum

• Ekran Bhd. of Malaysia plans to invest \$100 million in developing a

casino, duty-free shops and a resort on Samal island in the Philippines.

• Fujitsu Ltd. will report an unconsolidated pretax profit of 25 billion year

(\$229 million) for the year ending March 31, reversing an 8.7 billion-yen

Sanwa Tatemono Co., a Tokyo real estate developer, has filed for court protection, listing liabilities of about 124.3 billion yen, a private credit

loss in the previous year, the economic newspaper Nihon Keizai said.

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Notice is hereby given to the shareholders, that the

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of shareholders of WORLD BALANCED FUND will be held at the company's registered office, 2, boulevard Royal, L-2953 Luxembourg, on February 18, 1994 at 11.00 a. m. with the

. Submission of the Report of the Board of Directors and

Approval of the Statement of Net Assets at November 30, 1993 and of the Statement of Operations for the year ended as at November 30, 1993;

Allocation of the net results; Discharge to the Directors;

Statutory Appointments;
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research agency reported.

the national news agency Bernama said.

The shareholders are advised that no quorum is required for the items on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting and that decisions will be taken on a simple majority of the shares present or represented at the Meeting with no restrictions.

In order to attend the Annual General Meeting, the owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days before the meeting at the registered office of the company or with Banque Internationale a Luxembourg, 2, boulevard Royal,

The Board of Directors

### CITIC Buys Into HKR In \$440 Million Deal

HONG KONG - CITIC Pacific Ltd., the Chinese-controlled investment company, is buying 50 percent of Hong Kong Resort Co. from HKR International for 3.4 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$440

The deal gives CITIC Pacific a half interest in a large housing development near Hong Kong's new airport.

In one of the biggest recent incursions by China into Hong Kong's

property market, CTIIC will buy part of HKR International's Discovery Bay residential development on Lantan Island.

The island abuts the colony's new airport project, for which-financing has been a major initiant between China and Britain. Britain is to return Hong Kong to China in 1997, and Beijing has balked at the possibility of inheriting a large chunk of debt from the world's learnet arthin medical projects.

world's largest public works project.

But the willingness of CHTC Pacific, a unit of the Chinese government's China International Trust & Investment Corp., to take a stake in land that is likely to sour in value if the arroot is completed

a stake in laint that is interly to stake in value in the airport, is completed suggests a shift in Chinese government sentiment.

CITIC "may have some positive implications in terms of the airport," said a residential property analyst at Baring Securities. "That is, the government may approve some infrastructure developments such as a tunnel linking Discovery Bay to the airport."

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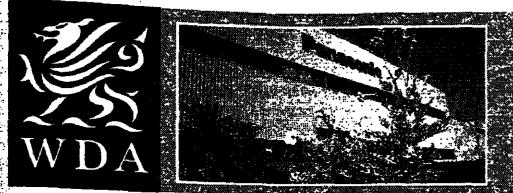
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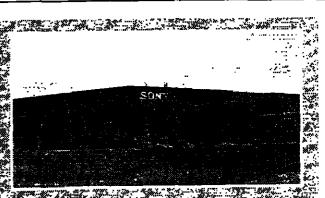
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bly the bestkept investment secret in Europe. Located on the westem side of Britain, Wales in the past 10 years has attracted investments worth more than \$7.5 billion, involving more than 120,000 jobs.

new or expansion projects in Wales have been announced since April 1983. Over the same period,

Wales has consistently received about 20 percent of all capital investment in Britain. In the past few years, invest-\$1.5 billion have been made by seven companies alone -Sony, Robert Bosch, Toyota, British Airways, Hamilton Oil, Ford and Dow Corning. Other blue-chip names that have invested in Wales in-



David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman, Weish Development Agency.

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Once the greatest coal-mining region of Britain, Wales Japan have been the major

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ales is proba-bly the best-and steel making. At the peak of the coal era, about 120,000 people worked in the mines and steelworks. Today, that figure has dropped to under 20,000, or less than half the number of employees in Japanese-owned companies.

Wales' success in attracting Altogether, some 1,200 major Japanese investment projects has been achieved in the face of stiff international competition. Wales now has one of the highest concentrations of Japanese investment in Europe. This investment has contributed significantly to the country's successful ments valued at more than transformation into a diversified and modern industrial economy,

One of the powers behind the investment strategy is the Welsh Development Agency. whose various functions include not only direct inward investment, but also bilateral matchmaking between Welsh companies and prospective overseas partners, outward investment by Welsh-based companies, and a substantial real-estate and land-reclamation program. The development of a

strong indigenous manufacturing and service economy is, of course, the key longterm strategic aim of the WDA," says its new chairman, Welsh-born David Rowe-Beddoe. He says that it is vital for the WDA to maintain the momentum on inward investment but warns that the traditional markets of North America and Japan could start to slow down; up to now, the United States, Germany and was full of the traditional overseas investors in Wales.

"We are widening our search for investors to new markets such as Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong, Australia and South Africa," says Mr. Rowe-Beddoe. He also points out that there are possible changes in investment patterns, with a concentration of smaller and less labor-inten-

sive projects.
The WDA created the European Business Group, whose mission is to help small to medium-sized businesses in Wales to expand into the rest of Europe. "We are trying to help those companies that lack a certain self-confidence about going it alone into Europe," says Clive Vokes, director of the EBG. Already, EBG has forged links with four of the most powerful economic "motors" of Europe. Baden-These are Württemberg (Germany), Lombardy (Italy), Rhône-Alpes (France) and Catalonia (Spain). Last year, this "Eurolink" program resulted in 66 partnership projects with Welsh companies.

Mr. Vokes is now trying to exploit European Union programs, and the WDA - in concert with other Welsh organizations - has established the Wales European Center in Brussels. "We think there are big opportunities for us there to tap into EU aid programs trade with aid," says Mr.

An equally proactive approach is being taken by the agency's inward-investment division, which has set up a string of offices in the Far East, from Tokyo to Seoul. "Our challenge is to try to raise the quality of the inward



In the first nine months of last year, 34 projects involving 10,000 jobs were secured.

investor, to improve our local WDA's director of economic skill base and thus increase strategy. The forecast for the wages, which will help boost the Welsh economy," says the

WDA's Peter Price. The approach aiready appears to be working, according to Brian Morgan, the percent. By comparison, total

gross domestic product this year looks good: GDP growth is estimated at 2.6 percent. with growth in manufacturing content expected to be 3.4

GDP for Britain is forecast at 2.4 percent. While other parts of Britain may be slumbering. Wales is awake and working for the future. In a world class of its own, Wales is waiting to be discovered by yet more in-

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### JAPANESE IN WALES

company to set up Wales was Takiron, which opened a factory near Caerphilly, in 1972 to make pvc sheeting. Today, there are 45 Japanese companies in Wales that employ more than 12,000 persons.

The two biggest Japanese companies in Wales are Sony. which produces television sets for export to Europe and has been in Wales for 18 years. and the Matsushita Electronics Group. Together they employ about 5,000 persons. Sony recently completed its seventh major investment in Wales - a new \$200 million television factory near Bridgend. The company has increased production to 1.5 million television sets a year. 75 percent of which are exported to Europe. Sony now

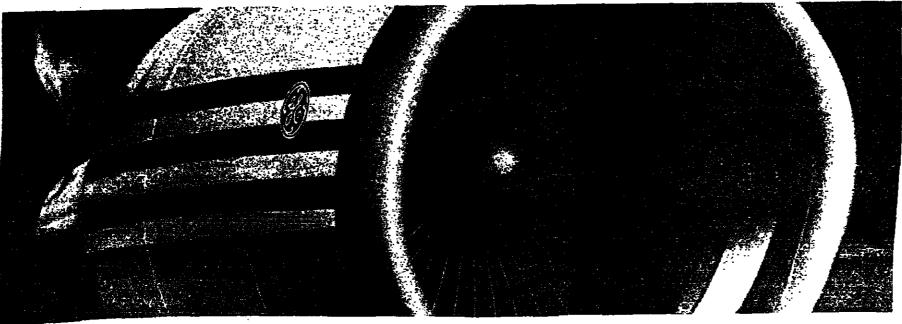
he first Japanese does all its design and development work for the European market from its Welsh plants. Its latest factory forms part of its new technology center, which occupies a 162-acre (66-hectare) site.

According to a study by the Cardiff Business School, local Japanese enterprise has played an important role in developing cultural and educational links between the two countries. There have also been substantial social ties through football, softball. cricket and squash matches. In 1989, a Japanese in

Schools" program was introduced; in the same year, the Japanese Studies Center was opened at the University of Wales College in Cardiff. At the secondary level, several Welsh schools have been twinned with Japanese schools.

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# **SPORTS**

### 3-Point Record Lifts the 76ers

Tim Perry made more 3-pointers in one night than he did in his first four seasons in the National Basketball Association.

Perry made a career-high seven

NBA HIGHLIGHTS 3-pointers and scored 31 points on Monday night, leading the Philadelphia 76ers past Charlotte, 125-

their seventh straight defeat.

Hall of Fame For Daly, Crum

117, and sending the Hornets to

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts — Chuck Daly, coach of the NBA's New Jersey Nets. Denny Crum. Louisville's coach, and the Italian coach Cesare Rubini were elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

Elected as players were Carol Blazejowski, the shooting star of the women's game in the 1970s, and Harry (Buddy) Jeannette, a standout back court player in the 1930s and

They will be enshrined on Daly's coaching career began in 1955. In 1983, he took over the Detroit Pistons. which had never had back-toback winning seasons, and led them to NBA championships

in 1989 and 1990.

Perry, a 6-foot-9 forward sent from Phoenix to Philadelphia in the trade for Charles Barkley, was 5-for-18 on 3-pointers from the 1988-89 through 1991-92 seasons. On Monday, he saw that the

ed outside the 3-point line. Perry, who has a perfect rotation and high are on his jumper, sent up 15 3-point attempts. His teammates took 15 others, setting the team re-cord with 30 and coming up one shy of the NBA record for attempts set

Perry's final 3-pointer wrapped up the victory. Philadelphia led, 120-113, but

Muggsy Bogues hit two free throws and David Wingate followed with a layup with 26 seconds to go to make it 120-117. Eight seconds later, Perry hit his last 3-pointer. Hawks 141, Pistons 97: In Atlan-12. the Hawks scored their most

lopsided victory since they moved from St. Louis after the 1967-68 Atlanta shot a season-high 64 percent in breaking its previous margin-of-victory mark of 42 points. Stacey Augmon scored 26 points to lead six Hawks players in

double figures. Heat 96, Knicks 85: In Miami, the Knicks ran out of energy in the

second half. New York opened up a 17-point lead in the first half but scored only 12 points in the third quarter and 21 in the fourth. Patrick Ewing had an especially poor night, making just 6 of 23 shots from the field. Steve Smith led Miami with 25 points, and Glen Rice and Rony Seikaly each added 22.



Miami's Matt Geiger and John Salley put the heat on Patrick Ewing, and New York lost, 96-85.

### Price of Soccer's Principles

ONDON - What price principles in the modern picks players, not the other way around." L world of sport and commerce?

Principle 1: Soccer success can only be earned on

the necessity to win matches. They, the profit-seekers, are the putative founders

Rob Hughes

form an elite of rich clubs skimming off sponsorhips and television rights.

Their would-be leader, AC Milan's proprietor, Sil-

soccer as "not modern thinking." Berlusconi is now more in the running for Italy's political leadership than his Milan players are for silverware. AC Milan lost the World Club Cup to Brazil's São Paulo and was outplayed for the Europe-

an Super Cup by Parma.

The defeats were good news for those who spied a hollow ring to Milan, the defeated European Champions' Cup finalist, standing in for the disgraced Olympique Marseille. But they were bad news for Berluscom's ego and his dependent TV satellite company.

The subscribers to Berluscom's super legged diminated at least but one on Monday when Alex Even

ished at least by one on Monday when Alex Fynn described it on BBC radio as a charter for greed and ambition that would destroy the game as we know it.

Fynn seems to change his tune the way a player changes his shirt. For he was the architect of Berluscom's 1988 super-league plan.

"I got sidetracked by vanity," Fynn admitted on

Monday. "I knew Berlusconi wanted a franchise system, so that's what I gave him. "I'm glad UEFA turned it down, because I think its wrong having a system not on merit but by oligarchy."

Fynn went on to express his continuing presumption to offer a different format. He disparaged UE-FA's latest formula — half way to the Berlusconi demands -as threatening soccer for short-term gains by elite chibs, sponsors and TV.

WELL WELL Either Fynn has seen new light (the glaringly obvious light to many with no vested interest) or he is a brave convert from the advertising agency man who once tried to sell a principle at the behest of a wealthy client.

A salesman Fynn remains. His Monday comments coincided with the launch of his book, "Out of Time: Why Football Isn't Working!" There, Fynn gives an insider's view of wheeler-dealing in soccer, mainly English soccer.

It is an intriguing, disturbing account of rake-offs by the game's paid guardians, and writ large is the warning of a sport devouring itself for the short-term television and sponsorship spoils.

Fynn now admits soccer was best served under the 40-year-old European home-and-away knock-out system. "But," he concludes, "We can't go back and

Why not? If history had it right, then for heaven's sake say it: Go back to basics.

Principle 2: "In the whole civilized world, the coach

Those words from Pavel Sadyrin came as a triumphant lesson to the 14 Russian players who had sought to remove him as their World Cup coach. The players, That used to be the essence of the game. But there are entrepreneurs who meet regularly trying to bypass the necessity to aim marks regularly trying to bypass the necessity to aim marks regularly trying to bypass. reinstatement of Anatoli Bishovets, who had been dropped as coach when the CIS broke up.

of a European Super League that, if only ever they agree among themselves, will ing off snonsorbine said: This is the group of players to whom I'll put my faith. There are enough first-class players in Russia.

I wonder. The principle of the coach as god, the

players subserviant, is relatively modern, and in my experience you need the co-operation of both.

Confrontation is poison in the locker room. One or vio Berlusconi, dismisses the risk element in cup-tie two dissenters, whatever their talent, would have to

compromise or go, but 14? Their act was published in Moscow newspapers. The letter spelled out "a good club coach does not fit the standards of a national coach. All that has been achieved in the qualifying games was the result of work done by Bishovets in his time."

HERE WERE complaints of mismanagement beyond Sadyrin's control. Complaints about bo-nuses, or lack of them. Complaints about shivering conditions at a camp near Moscow where players slept in their overcoats because the heating was switched off In a land where food and warmth are hard to come by, these minterings by players perceived as mercenar-ies in another world cut little ice. Sadyrin insisted the rebellion was the work of Bishovets. The federation backed him by calling up more than 40 squad players to a training session in Moscow, and when only 18 turned. up, they formed the team Sadyrin took to America.

By no means all of those are Russian-based players, or even Russians. Some flew in from Spain, some from Germany, among them Oleg Salenko, the Logrones forward, who had signed the letter.

Sadyrin still insists that the players were duped by Bishovets, who had made them unauthorized promises relating to the million or so dollars Russia can expect to receive from the first World Cup round.

But his implication that the door will be closed on players who didn't turn up for the warmup is harsh. Some, involved in vital club tournaments, could not have been released if they had tried; others, such as Igor Dobrovolski and Andrei Kanchelskis, who foresook Ukrainian nationality, and Valeri Karpine, who is Estonian by birth, have given much to opt for Russia and a World Cup.

In addition, Sergei Kiriakov is a match-winning talent as well as a leading "dissident." Dmitri Kharine is a splendid goalkeeper, Alexandra Mostovoi and Igor Shahmov are proven creators, Vassili Kulkov a world-class defender

There will be a Russian compromise somewhere en route to the World Cup. Otherwise, the second-best Russian team will attempt to win the Cup.

### No. 1 Merry-Go-Round: Tar Heels on Top Again The Associated Press

Another poll, another No. 1. For the sixth consecutive week there was a different team atop the national rankings. But the latest

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 has already been there a few times this season. North Carolina (19-3) moved up

to the top spot Monday, switching places with Duke, which it beat last week in the first 1-2 matchup between the Atlantic Coast Conference rivals. The Tar Heels were the preseason No. 1 and also held it for the second week of the parade of the top-ranked teams.

Since Arkansas's five-week run at the top ended last month, North orien Carolina, Kansas, UCLA and Duke all had one-week stints as No. 1.

The chances of North Carolina's surviving back-to-back weeks appear good, with home games against Maryland and Georgia Tech this week, although Georgia Tech beat the Tar Heels earlier in the season.

The Tar Heels were a convincing No. 1, with 60 first-place votes and 1.617 points from the national media panel, while Duke (16-2) was on top of three ballots and had 1.486

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### Ukraine's Baiul: Like Heaven on Ice

At 16, Skater Is a Favorite for Gold

By Jere Longman Vew York Times Service

As she stood backstage in Prague in March, 15-year-old Oksana Bainl, suddenly aware that she was figure skating's world champion, began weeping. The Ukrainian numed to her coach and said, These tears are God's kisses from my mother in heaven.

At 13, Bainl was orphaned when her mother, Marina, a French teacher, died of ovarian cancer. So disconsolate was Oksana that, even three years later, she cannot discuss her mother's death. But beneath this grief is a teenager mature beyond her years. It is apparent in the heartfelt way she speaks, and in the ioy and grace of her skating.

"We must not forget that this is called figure skating" Bainl said.
"Women should stop trying to be like men with the jumps. People forget that the beauty is the key. The most important thing is the

This season, though, skating hasn't been enough. Baiul has struggled with her jumping, especially the landing of one jump in combination with another.

At the recent European championships in Copenhagen, Baiul landed five triple jumps, but Surya Bonaly of France landed seven and took home her fourth consecutive title. At 15, Baiul was an unknown. skating without pressure. At 16, she faces the most difficult opponent at the coming Winter Olympics: high

expectations.

The hardest year of your life is the year after winning the world championship," said Scott Hamilton, a four-time world champion and the 1984 Olympic champion. You have to live up to what world champion means. Once everything settles down, you realize what you did. It can be emotional."

How many athletes have we seen confused and distracted by sudden, unexpected success? Especially a 16-year-old whose mother and ndparents are dead and whose father left when she was 2?

The only constant has been the beauty of Baiul's skating, her whispery glides and sparking expres-

"She puts Katarina Witt to shame, the way she mugs for the judges," said Paul Wylie, a silver medalist at the 1992 Olympics. "She's just the girl they were look-

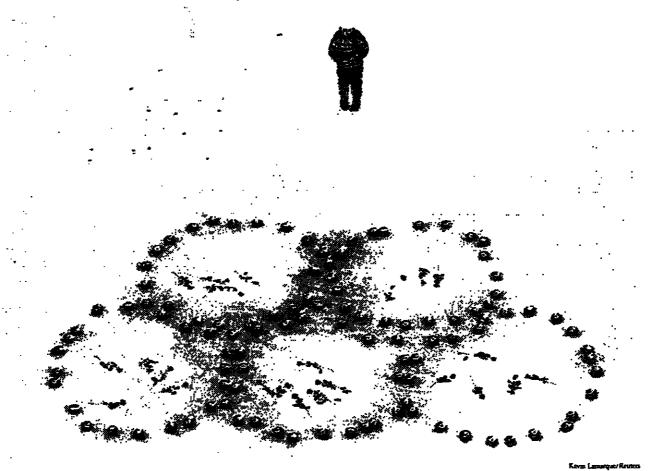
ing for." Her father, Sergei, divorced her until she was 7, when she could

Stanislav Koritek, Oksana's former coach, said of her mother. At 13, she was without any family. And soon, Bainl would be even without a coach. The Soviet Union having splintered, its sports machine no longer lubricated by the state, Koritek found it difficult to find work and moved to Canada.

Oksana needed a new coach. Koritek's father, Alfred, a vice president of the Ukrainian skating federation, phoned a renowned coach named Galina Zmievskaya, who lived in Odessa and intore Viktor Petrenko, who would be-come the 1992 Olympic champion.

Zmievskaya was hesitant to take in Bainl, knowing she would have to be both a coach and a mother to her. Petrenko convinced her: "She is only one girl. How much can she

improbable. In 1991, she finished 12th at the Soviet championships. Two years later, at 15, she defeated Surya Bonaly, Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding and became the youngest world champion since Sonja Henie in 1928. Now she is a favorite for an Olympic gold medal. Hard work, her mother told her, would always win them over.



Candles formed the Olympic rings Tuesday in Lillehammer, Norway, where hundreds of people signed a message of solidarity with the besieved citizens of Sarajevo. Tuesday was the 10th anniversary of the opening of the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympic Games.

# **USOC Panel Sets Hearing on** Harding's Status

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LILLEHAMMER. Norway -A U.S. Olympic Committee panel will meet in Oslo on Feb. 16 to hearing would deal "with issues of decide whether Tonya Harding conduct which have been raised should be removed from the figure during the last several weeks during skating team for the Winter Games the law enforcement investigations because of the attack on her rival, into the attack on skater Nancy Nancy Kerrigan.

Harding's lawyers have been notified of the decision and she will be asked to appear, the USOC said. whether she would testify. She has

not been charged in the case.

If the USOC Games Administrative Board votes to expel the U.S. champion, she would have to go to court to try to win back her spot. Any decision is expected to be announced immediately.

"I think it is a response that is required by the grounds surrounding the attack on Nancy Kerrigan." the USOC executive director, Harvey Schiller, said Tuesday.

He said the inquiry would deal more with "sportsmanship and fair play aspects rather than criminal

lighted by her performances in 1991, which included her first national seniors title, the

triple axel, the second-place at the world

championships and a victory in Skate America, an annual international event

She was skating under Teachman, hav-

ing broken temporarily from Rawlinson

over issues of balancing her time between

Harding and Gillooly separated in early

1991, but reunited in the fall and spent the

held in the United States.

practice and outside interests.

The Olympics open on Saturday, but the women's figure-skating competition begins Feb. 23. A USOC statement said the

lates to the same issues." In a television interview Tuesday morning, Schiller said the skating association's findings and Harding's own words were at the center of the USOC investigation.

Kerrigan and the U.S. Figure Skat-

ing Association's review as it re-

"We're responding in the main to figure skating's calling for a hearing of their body, which could lead to suspension and all the factors surrounding that," he said. There are a number of issues to be considered. And among them are statements that she's made in the past few weeks about her knowledge of the attack when she returned to Portland."

The board will meet privately. with 10 to 13 members attending. The U.S. Figure Skating Association is conducting its own investigation of Harding, a process that won't be finished until after the Games, but that could result in her

A grand jury in the United States hearing evidence to determine

Schiller refused to predict whether Harding, a two-time national champion and a fourth-place fin-isher at the 1992 Winter Games, would skate at the Games.

next 18 months or so in relative calm, even though her level of performance slipped a notch through 1992 She finished third in the national cham-pionships and a disappointing fourth at the

Albertville Olympics, after which she left Teachman and rejoined Rawlinson. The quiet lasted through the 1993 nationals, in which she slipped another place, to fourth. In March and again in July,

rguments with Gillooly brought police to their apartment. She filed for a restraining order and divorce, which was granted on Aug. 28, 1993. But another reconciliation followed

almost immediately.

The couple begin living together again until the events surrounding the Kerrigan

ault pulled them apart. At the rink last week, the crowd was growing as 10 A.M. approached, the time Harding was scheduled to begin practice. Hundreds of people stood three and four They are expected to stay in the

deep along the rail, and hundreds more ships and victories in two important interna- crained from the upper levels of the shopping mall as the Zamboni machine finished smoothing the ice surface for Harding's solo practice

Out on the ice, bounding around, she waved and she smiled and her mother beamed proudly. And when her daughter completed that first triple jump, the crowd roared in approval. What problems? The Olympics are almost here.

expulsion from the sport.

whether allegations by Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, are true: That the skater gave the go-ahead to attack Kerrigan, and was involved in the plot and the cover-up.

There are several reasons for the decision," Schiller said. "First, there was the evidence presented by the figure skating panel. Second, there is a variety of issues dealing with the code of conduct of the Olympic Winter Games, and with the code of conduct of the USFSA. And on top of all of that, there is

the code of ethics of the International Olympic Committee." Harding will be allowed to appear before the panel with or without her lawyers. The board can appoint people to present evidence. and can examine evidence or testi-

mony by Harding. Kerrigan and Harding have been teammates before, most notably in where they joined with Kristi Yama-

Olympic Village, but USOC officials promise that they won't be neighbors.

They will, however, share ice for practices.

Following a long-held policy of having teammates train together, the International Skating Union assigned the two Americans to the same practice group at the Hamar Olympic Amphitheatre.

### No Sequins and Lace: As Ever, Harding Still Does It Her Way

By Michael Janofsky New York Times Service

PORTLAND, Oregon - She was always different. When other little girls were tentative and shy, Tonya Harding was all

couldn't succeed fast enough.

When she learned about such things as championships, gold medals and the Olympics, all she ever wanted was everythin Twenty years later, not much has

guts and gusto, a fearless figure skater who

It has become, perhaps, the most re markable aspect of a most remarkable story — the assault on her rival, Nancy Kerrithat nothing has pried Harding's a difficult jump.

off the prize.

Peggy Fleming, she wasn't. eyes off the prize.

even the enduring possibility she might be arrested or, worse, removed from the U.S.

Olympic team.
Yet the same telescopic focus that brought her onto the world stage in skating have to be the same person of has allowed her to persevere amid a broken are when you're on the ice." home, financial distress, a troubled mar-

begin to study ballet. "When I was 7, was so could begin to study ballet. "When I was 7, I won my first competition, so I decided to stay in figure skating."

Baial said.

The beautiful ballet with in the start in

style amid the sequins and lace that help make figure skating the most popular of Winter Olympics sports and one of the often of days she and her mother would

tiness, Harding stormed through routines, some money as a waitress; Rawlinson determined to succeed in her own roughhewn manner and homemade costumes. As others chose Bizet and Tchaikovsky,

Harding skated to a pulsating rap song and theme music from "Jurassic Park." In win-title, at the Northwest Pacific championning the 1991 national championship, the ships, which whisked her into national nacle of her career, she became the first American woman to complete a triple axel,

"Tonya's big deal was that she didn't want to play the game with the hair, the dress, the look," said Dody Teachman, her Not charges brought against four men in the case, including her former husband, Jeff Gillooly, who pleaded guilty last week to a count of racketeering. Not people who believe she helped plan the attack. Not pics, in which Harding finished fourth.

"I would never tell her she had to do anything. I'd suggest. I'd tell her it was like a job, treat it like a job. You need to look a certain way when you skate, but you don't have to be the same person off the ice you

As the only child of LaVona Golden and

Center ice rink in Oregon these last furnultu
a year later found a coach, Diane Schatz —

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decided to stay in figure skating,"
Baiul said.

Her home life began to unravel as her grandfather died in 1987 and her grandmother passed away in 1988. In 1991, her mother died. "She had always been very healthy, then, in three weeks, she was dead,"

panting to learn whether she knows more of the attack than she has let on.

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With financial support, she could become

Hers was always a combative, contrarian Olympic material." Harding was 5 years old at the time.

In more recent years, Harding spoke highest-rated of any sport on television.

As other skaters projected grace and damcollect the refunds. Golden also raised comb highways for bottles and cans to raised more through donations, and contributed some of her own. But it was worth it. Young Tonya kept improving

said, 'Mom. I got half a credit for it.' And she goes, 'So, the rest of the program sucked, also.'" prominence the following year, when she

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of a most remarkable story is that nothing has pried Tonya Harding's eyes off the prize.

turned 16. To make sure she stayed there, she did not see him again until her in which she is a focus. This is hardly a mother's funeral. A chulby 3-year-old, Oksana was guided toward figure skating by her mother and grandfather as a way to stay fit the tree 7 when the cally practice at the Clackamas Town a vear later found a coach Disne Schatz—bar for a few games of eight-ball. A severe

> Her relationship with her mother never appeared so warm as that with her father. contender for the 1992 Olympic team.

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asthmatic, she was smoking a cigarette.

Harding has spoken often of painful episodes with her mother. Once she said her mother hit her with a hairbrush; once she said she was thrown out of her mother's apartment until she helped pay the rent. Friends and relatives have recalled other scenes of stress in which Golden would

> hood," Golden said recently on a CBS news show, "And then some people, they don't figure it's right to swat a bottom. I think if a bottom needs to be swatted, fine. Swat is not spank. Spank is putting over your knees and going whop, whop, whop, whop, whop, or whatever. I did not ever do that." By 1989, Harding had fully emerged as a

those episodes and others.

potential star. While skrimping remained as much part of her routine as practicing, a third-place finish in the national championtional events established her as a legitimate About this time, her relationship with

She appears proud and happy until she telephoned her mother, who expressed the feeling that she should have finished higher.

In the video, Rawlinson asks Harding

about the conversation, and Harding re-

your combination. You know, you didn't

get any credit for that at all.' And I said,

'Mom.' She goes, 'You did terrible, you know that?' She said, 'You sucked.' And I

verbally and physically abuse her daughter.
It pains Golden to be asked now about

er, nor would I say she had a bad child-

"I wouldn't call myself an abusive moth-

plies: "She goes: 'So I heard you mis

Gillooly intensified, and in 1990, they were married. She was 19, he was 22 Like the performer she was, Harding hid the turmoil of their marriage until it became public record.

Even so, her skating flourished, high-

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### A Health-Care Mess

By Russell Baker NEW YORK —All the ingredients are in place for the mak-

ing of another fine mess in the best Laurel and Hardy tradition. First, almost every politician in Washington needs something that can be called a "health-care bill"

and needs it quick. In time for autumn campaigning, in fact. Second, there is absolutely no consensus in Washington about what this wondrous "health-care bill" should do or be.

Third, there is no pronounced sentiment among the public either about what a "health-care bill" should do. This is because the public has only the foggiest notion of

what's on the table. Fourth, this absence of public understanding means the real power to write the bill rests with lawvers. social engineers, insurance companies, medical and drug lobbies, corporate managers and the political action committees, or PACs, which now finance most politicians' campaigns.

The first thing to be noted about these people is that they are of the class that is least inconvenienced by the shortcomings of the present health-care system.

Though doubtless decent citizens all, they would be inhuman if, feeling little personal need for urgent change, they didn't use their special leverage to protect their own interests.

Last week, for example, the Business Roundtable, consisting of top people in 200 of the biggest U.S. companies, threw their considerable weight against the Clinton bill. The Roundtable "task force" that drew up this position was headed by the CEO of Prudential, an insur-

Fifth, the White House strategy from the outset has promoted pub-lic confusion — which breeds public indifference — about its own plan. This could be fatal, because attempts to create great changes in American life need maximum public enthusiasm to overcome Congress's natural inertness.

Without public passion behind it the Clinton plan was bound to get rough treatment from insiders whose interests tend to be more specialized than those of, say, a self-employed carpenter support-

ing a family of four with a trou-bling health record.

From the start, the Clinton plan never felt or smelled like a great idea whose time had come. Just the opposite. There were so many little ideas embedded in it that it was hard to find one that stirred the juices.

Experts love details: the rest of us are too busy with the details of living to be carried away with enthusiasm about the experts' detailed ingenuity.

Often we are content to be rabble yearning to be roused. Amazing technical constructions like the gigantic (1.362 pages) health-care bill the Clintons finally produced do not stir the blood.

And so while experts marvel and dispute, all sensible humanity slumbers, leaving the boys in tasseled loafers free to have their way

with the pols. What the Clintons needed was a drawing by Eero Saarinen. What the experts gave them was a blue-print by Rube Goldberg.

In retrospect it seems clear that the wise way to start would have been to come out for the simplicity of the single-payer plan. Of course it would have produced political uproar, and a healthy uproar it would have been.

At least it would have set pulses pounding. Awake, we might have advanced further than we're moving in this comatose mumble of experts about whether the Cooper bill is better than the Clinton bill and how fast the bile should be permitted to flow before the insurance company cancels your policy

If they'd started with the singlepayer proposal, the Clintons could have negotiated back to something that would have saved the insurance industry's stake in the business without losing important points like universal coverage. Instead, their experts gave the

game to the insurance people at the

start, thus surrendering a big, big bargaining counter. The best thing might be for health care to be scrapped this year, so a fresh start can be made another day. The pols, however, need something they can call "health care," no matter what it does. Looks like Laurel

and Hardy time again. New York Times Service

### William Gaddis's Law-Crazy America

By John Schwartz

Washington Post Service

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EW YORK — William Gaddis is begging off. He had agreed to write a book review for a small journal. The topic - people who do not believe that the Holocaust happened — fascinated him, But before long, the man who has been called one of the greatest living American novelists discovered he had gathered enough ma-terial on the topic to write a book himself, and was getting perilously close to drowning in his data.

Now, on this frozen afternoon, he has called the editor from his Upper East Side Manhattan apartment to apologize and to extricate himself from the assignment. He closes the conversation with a promise: "I'll call you if anything prospers."

After hanging up, Gaddis shakes his

head with regret.

Research is William Gaddis's gift — and his burden. The onetime fact checker for The New Yorker would probably be uncomfortable telling you the time unless he had acquired a profound understand-

ing of how a watch is made. That dedication to detail is the mark of an author who reportedly has 20 pages of research behind every paragraph in his 1955 debut. "The Recognitions," a remarkable novel about fakery and counterfeiting.
Steven Moore, senior editor at the Dal-

key Archive Press and author of three books on Gaddis's work, claims, "His novels, taken together, constitute the greatest achievement in American fiction since World War IT — though "if he had stepped in front of a truck the day The Recognitions' appeared, that alone would have made his reputation as one of the greatest writers of our times." In his introduction to the 1993 Penguin

reissue of "The Recognitions," William Gass, author of "Omensetter's Luck," writes of Gaddis's work: "There's no need for haste, the pages which lie ahead of you will lie ahead of you for as long as you like them to; it is perfectly all right if some things are at first unclear, and if there are references you don't recognize; we need to understand this book — enjoy its charm, its wit, its irony, its erudition, its sensuous embodiment — the way we understand a spouse we have lived with and listened to and loved for many years through all their nights. . . . A few critics confessed they could not reach the novel's conclusion except by skipping. Well, how many have actually arrived at the last page of Proust or completed 'Finnegans Wake'?"

Across the decades of writing, Gaddis has honed an idiosyncratic style. He strips conversations of the usual "he said, she said" cues - and even of quotation marks. It's a little like trying to piece together an overheard conversation at a restaurant. It



Novelist Gaddis. 71: "A Frolic of His Own" is his fourth book.

makes the reader work a little harder to follow the thread, but gives Gaddis's prose

startling immediacy and strength.

Let the following passage from Gaddis's new novel, "A Frolic of His Own," be a litmus test of his style. Oscar Crease, a hapless college professor, believes the Civil War play he wrote some years before was pirated to become the basis for a gory, sex-drenched Hollywood spectacular. In this scene. Oscar is discussing his pros-pects for a lawsuit. After his lawyer, Har-old Basie, asks whether Crease had tried to publish the play. Oscar erupts:

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Gaddis might be a wonder, but he's no longer a Wunderkind. He is 71. "A Frolic of His Own" is only his fourth book. Twenty years after the appearance of "The Recognitions" he brought out "J. R.," in which an 11-year-old named J. R. builds a business empire through amiably boyish greed. In 1985 came "Carpenter's Gothic," a work

that takes on the excesses of televangelists. He grew up in WASP gentility, in an age of WASP decline. His parents divorced when he was 3 years old. Much of his childhood was spent at his mother's big old family home on Long Island.

Gaddis attended Harvard; a childhood kidney disorder exempted him from fight-ing in World War II. He agreed to leave the school in his senior year, however, after a run-in with the Cambridge police during what has been called a bout of "youthful hell-raising." He did his stint at The New Yorker, then traveled for a few years, gathering string for what would be-come "The Recognitions."

Although many today consider that first work a masterpiece, at the time most re-viewers blasted it as hubristic, blasphemous and tedious. It sank (Gaddis now notes with some satisfaction that a first edition of the book will bring up to \$700.)

What followed were grim years, hard on him and on his family. He was working at public relations, writing speeches and writing scripts for training and public relations films for the U. S. Army. Gaddis has two children from a marriage that broke up in 1967. Daughter Sarah, now 38, is an artist and novelist. Gaddis's son, Mat-thew, 35, is a filmmaker in New York.

In 1975, Gaddis hoped "J. R." would change his fortunes. This savagely funny satire of "the childish nature of the business world," as Gaddis puts it, won the National Book Award but had disappointing sales. It was the quintessential '80s book, but was written in the '70s. "J. R." did really, I think, in 1975, tell us what the '80s were going to be," Gaddis says. "And sure enough, thousands of J. R.s out there destroyed everything."

In the late 1970s, a second marriage foundered. From that low, things began to turn around. He met his current companion, Muriel Oxenberg Murphy, a television producer and a woman of means sufficient to keep both of them comfortsulfrient to keep both of them comfortable. Money began coming his way. Gaddis won a Guggenheim fellowship, and then in 1982 a five-year MacArthur Foundation award — "the shortest five years I ever lived through," Gaddis jokes. He began getting sizable advances for his novels. In 1985, "Carpenter's Gothic" received strong reviews even though some critics. strong reviews even though some critics say it is his weakest effort.

"A Frolic of His Own" is about folks who see the rich suing each other for sport and want to get into the game. Gass calls the book "a trial of the American psyche." He says the book is well timed: American society has become law-crazy.

What has gone wrong with the law, Gaddis says, is what has gone wrong with society. "This free enterprise society is an adversarial society, so the law emerges from that adversarial attitude. So here we are, all adversaries."

#### PEOPLE

Another Battle Battle: The Met Drops Soprano

The Metropolitan Opera dismissed the soprano Kathleen Battle from its production of "The Daughter of the Regiment" for what it called unprofessional actions dur-ing rehearsal. Battle said. To my knowledge we were working out all of the artistic problems in rehearsals." Joseph Volpe, the Mer's general manager, said her behavior was profoundly detrimental." The New York Times quoted sources as saying that Battle was "very nasty" to fellow cast members and uncooperative even after the rehearsal schedule had been changed to accommo-date her. She walked out of a Met rehearsal last year after a conflict with the conductor Christian Thielemann, then quit the production of Der Rosenkavalier.

Jack Kent Cooke, 81, the owner of the Washington Redskins football team, declared his marriage in 1990 to Mariena Ramallo Chalmers void because her divorce from her former husband, Cooke says, was falsely obtained in the Dominican Republic."

Pani Anka was honored at the French record industry's annual awards ceremony for his classic song "My Way," which became Frank Sinatra's signature song 25 years ago. Then Anka was named a knight of the Order of Arts and Letters by Culture Minister Jacques Toubon.

Ted Turner, the owner of Turner Broadcasting System, has pledged \$25 million each to McCallie School, a prep school in Tennessee; Brown University in Rhode Island, and The Citadel, a military college in South Carolina. Turner was graduated from McCallie in 1956 and Brown in 1960. His three sons attended The Citadel.

Whitney Houston won in seven of the eight categories in which she was nominated at the American Music Awards and received a special Award of Merit. This takes her tally at the awards to 19 — she shares the top spot with Kenny Rogers.

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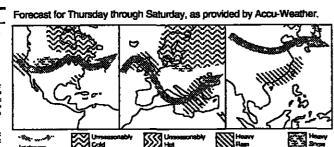
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